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Driver shot as his car is seized by fugitives

IRA prisoners on run in London

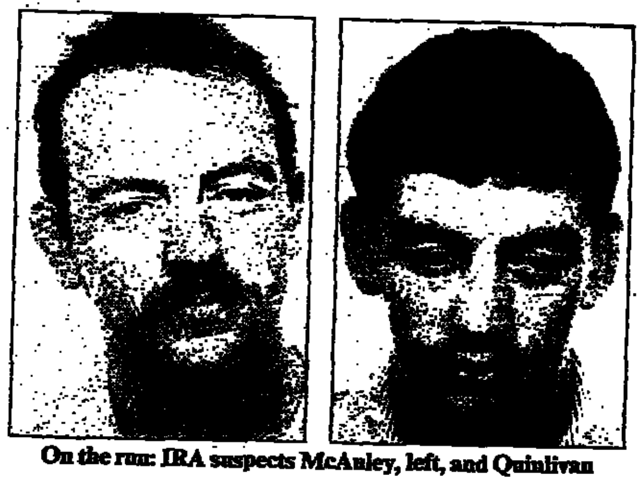
By David Young

TWO IRA suspects described as "committed and dangerous" were believed to be in hiding in London last night after breaking out of Brixton prison yesterday morning.

The men held prison officers at gunpoint, before scaling the wall of the jail in south London. During their escape they shot and injured the driver of a car they commandeered.

Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, said: "Both of these men are committed individuals. They are dangerous and I urge everyone to exercise the utmost caution." He believed they would go to ground in a safe house in London, although all ferry ports and airports were being watched. Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, is expected to face a barrage of demands in the Commons, today for a full judicial enquiry.

The breakout began as Nessan Quinlivan, from Limerick in the Irish Republic, and Pearse McAuley from Strabane in Ulster, were being escorted back to their cells in Brixton prison's high-security wing from a Roman Catholic mass in the prison chapel.



On the run: IRA suspects McAuley, left, and Quinlivan

McAuley took a small-calibre automatic pistol from his shoe. Police believe three shots were fired as the two held prison officers at bay and took their keys. They piled a wheelbarrow on a dog kennel and scaled the prison wall, which is topped with coils of razor-wire.

The men ran into Jebb Avenue where they were confronted by a prison officer in his car. They threatened him with the gun and took his car which they abondoned in Brixton Hill, 200 yards away. They stopped a burgundy-coloured Vauxhall Cavalier, and shot the driver in the right thigh when he refused to leave the car.

John Sturgis, a witness, said: "They dashed into the middle of the road and one of them was waving a gun in the air. They flagged down a red Cavalier and ran to the driver's door. They waved the gun in the man's face and ordered him and his woman companion out. "They looked crazy. They were shouting but I couldn't hear what they were saying. The driver looked white with fear but before he had a chance to move they shot him. I don't know why they had to shoot him because he didn't seem to be putting up a struggle. It was just brutal."

The man who was shot, and his wife, have asked not to be identified. The man, a Canadian tourist believed to be in his thirties, was being treated for a wound to his right thigh in King's College hospital last night. He was being guarded by armed officers and his condition was decribed as stable.

Quinlivan and McAuley drove a short distance into Purden Road, behind Lambeth town hall, where they abandoned the Vauxhall. A member of the public who had followed saw the men hail a London taxi which police now know dropped them at Baker Street underground station at 10.45am, an hour and five minutes after the escape began. They paid the fare with a £20 note stolen from the driver they had shot.

Quinlivan and McAuley, both aged 26, have been on remand since April 4. They were committed at Bow Street Court on charges of conspiring to murder Sir Charles Tidbury, former chairman of Whitbread brewers, and of conspiring to cause explosions in Britain. They had been arrested at Stonehenge after a police operation which also investigated the murder of the Conservative MP Ian Gow.

Sir Charles, aged 64, one of the names on a hit list found at an IRA hideout in Clapham, south London, in December 1988, was chairman of a trust set up to celebrate the accession of William of Orange in 1688, rallying symbol for Protestants in Northern Ireland. Last night he said he was surprised at the choice of Brixton prison, with its history of escapes, for McAnley and Quinlivan.

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad will attempt to find out how the gun was smuggled to the men. Both men were wearing jeans and striped shirts when they escaped. McAuley is 5ft 10in tall, stockily built with a ruddy complexion and red to blonde hair. Quinlivan is 5ft 7in tall, slim with dark hair and a heavy growth which gives him the appearance of having a beard. Police said he looks like Rowan Atkinson, "but is no comedian".

The home secretary said: "I am appalled to learn of this breach of security in Brixton. I have ordered an immediate investigation by the director-general of the Prison Service. But there must be a full enquiry to establish how such an event could have happened at all. I will report to the House of Commons tomorrow." Mr Baker is expected to face criticism from all sides of the Commons.

Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, said the breakout must the subject of an immediate full enquiry and a detailed report to MPs. He said: "That enquiry must look at both the general problems of security at Brixton and the intolerable pressures now being placed on the prison service as a result of our greatly overcrowded prisons."

John Bartell, the chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, said: "My reaction is one of anger and despair that once again the Home Office is guilty of criminal irresponsibility in not providing the necessary security in a British prison."

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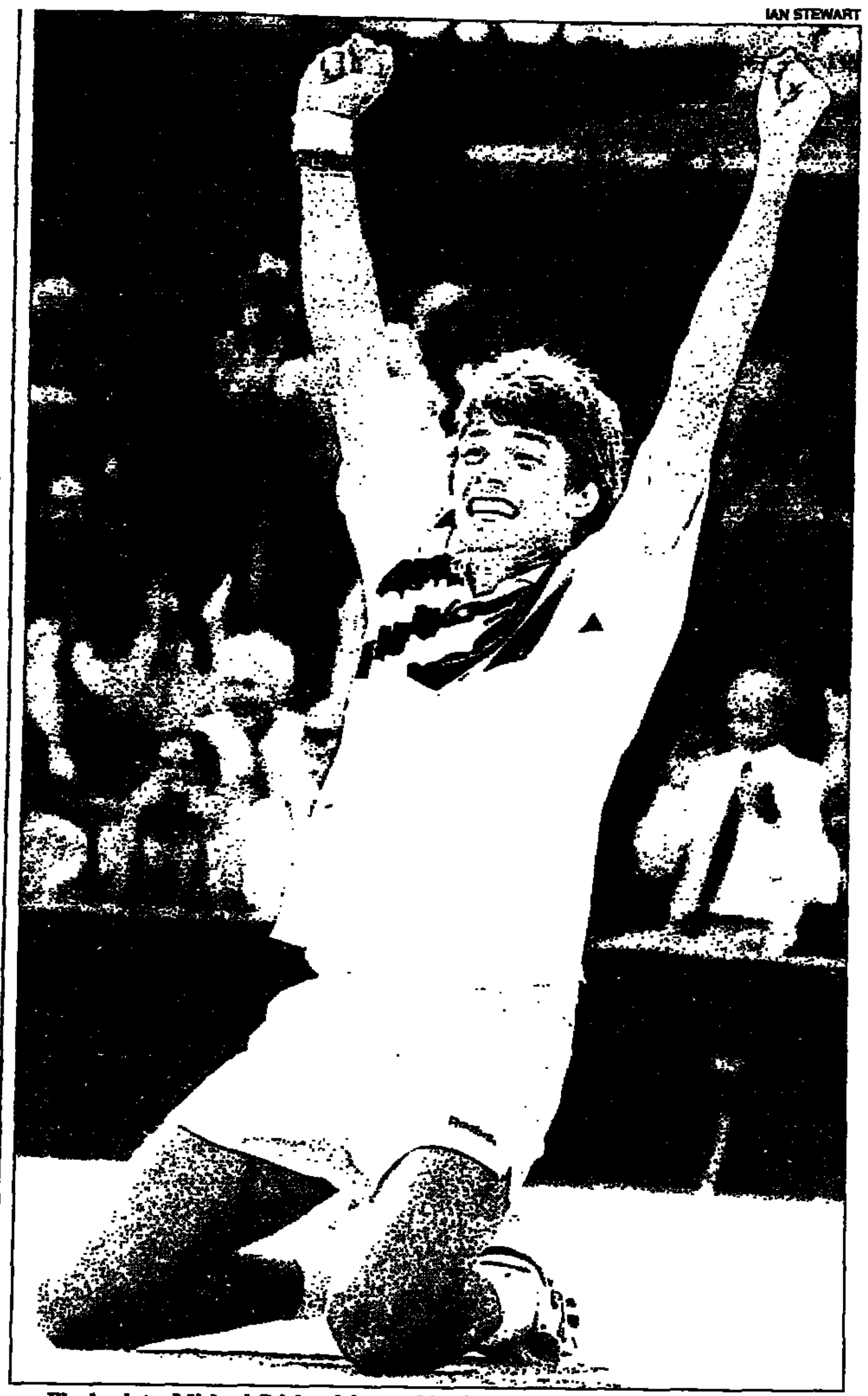

Final salute: Michael Stich celebrates his victory over fellow countryman Boris Becker at Wimbledon yesterday. He won the first all-German final in three sets

Stich topples tired Becker

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

MICHAEL Stich yesterday upset predictions by winning the first all-German men's Wimbledon final in a 6-4, 7-6, 6-4 victory over his friend Boris Becker, three times former champion. The two-hour 31-minute final, played in a Centre Court temperature of 104 degrees in the sun, was unexpectedly one-sided as Becker criticised himself for failing to show his best form.

"Boris was out of his mind a bit. He did not know what to do ... That gave me confidence and was good for my game," Stich said. But Becker was magnanimous in defeat, climbing over the net to hug his Davis Cup colleague, who was almost moved to tears as he collected the King George V Challenge Cup from the Duke of Kent, and the prize-money of £240,000. As Steffi Graf won the women's championship on Saturday, Germany took both singles titles for only the second time.

The No 6 seed who defeated Stefan Edberg, the defending champion, in the semi-final, used his powerful return of service on crucial points to defeat Becker. Stich, aged 22 from Elmshorn near Hamburg, said: "For sure, Boris was not playing his best tennis. He was the big favourite but perhaps he expected too much of himself."

Becker, aged 23, who won his first Wimbledon title at the age of 17, said that he had felt mentally tired but tried to get back into the match by loudly criticizing himself. "I was the one always under pressure. From the first couple of games I did not feel in the match."

He said Stich was "flying round the room at the moment" but that the test would be how he handled victory and international fame. "He should remember that, after all, it is only a tennis match."

In a controversial move to help British players win at Wimbledon, the Lawn Tennis Association has begun negotiating an exchange programme with Nick Bollettieri, who runs a tennis academy in Florida. David Lloyd and Dave Emery, two leading coaches, said the scheme would not work because Bollettieri's flamboyant personality would upset officials here.

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UK asks Arab sheikh to repay BCCI losses

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE government has asked the ruler of Abu Dhabi to pay for the hundreds of millions of pounds lost in the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Graham Burton, the British Ambassador in the United Arab Emirates, made the request to representatives of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the bank's main shareholder and president of the UAE.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, was today urged by Anthony Beaumont-Dark, the Conservative MP, to consider an emergency rescue plan for businessmen who could face ruin as a result of the bank's closure. The Chancellor will be pressed for a Commons statement today over the collapse of BCCI by John Smith, the shadow chancellor.

Asian business chiefs are pressing the Bank of England to hand out emergency help to victims. Fifty people at a meeting in Bradford, West Yorkshire, home of Britain's biggest Muslim community, demanded that it sanction immediate compensation for businessmen and traders, many of them Asian, affected by freezing the assets.

Sheikh Zayed took a 77 per cent stake in BCCI last year, after the bank had pleaded guilty to drug money laundering in Florida.

At the time he injected $400 million into the bank and agreed to support its financial position. Sheikh Zayed's pledge of support is revealed in BCCI's accounts for 1989.

BCCI's operations round the world were closed on Friday, after the discovery of a massive fraud at a high level in the bank.

The collapse has put at risk £750 million in deposits held in the 120,000 accounts of savers and small businessmen in Britain. The Bank of England has set up a team of 22, including some executives seconded from the Federal Reserve Board in America and the Luxembourg Monetary Institute, to urge regulators to close BCCI in all of the 69 countries where it operated.

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Troops end gun battle between Croats and Serbs

From Roger Boyes in Zagreb

THE focus of the Yugoslav upheaval shifted yesterday from Slovenia to eastern Croatia as federal troops intervened to break up a day-long gun battle between Serbs and Croats which left five people dead and 24 wounded before a ceasefire was imposed.

Yugoslav troops moved in tanks to separate the two sides but came under heavy fire, and two soldiers were among those killed, Belgrade radio said. One clash at Tenja lasted for nine hours before a truce was called. The main radio station in Zagreb said six members of the Croatian forces were seriously wounded and quoted the mayor of nearby Osijek as saying there were "many injured and dead" on the Serbian side.

The presidential ultimatum to Slovenia, in which Belgrade demanded the dismantling of new Slovene border posts, ran out yesterday. But by nightfall the Yugoslav army had not moved against the breakaway republic. On the island of Brioni, the troika of European Community foreign ministers – Hans van den Broek of The Netherlands, Jacques Poos of Luxembourg and João de Deus Pinheiro of Portugal – tried to broker a solution.

Observers said the contours of a compromise on the future of Slovenia were emerging. Only the most hardline elements of the high command, especially General Blagoje Adjic, now appear to be vigorously against Slovenian independence. General Adjic told staff officers in Belgrade: "We expect you to have units combat ready as soon as possible and you will be transferred to your unit by 8pm on July 8 – by helicopters because communication, especially in Slovenia, is still handicapped." Other senior officers said they would deploy the army only on orders from the Yugoslav presidency.

Yugoslavia's leading politicians spent the weekend staking out their territory. Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, said on Belgrade television that the Serbs should be "ready for the defence of their country". Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, told the European Community ministers that if the negotiated exit of Slovenia and Croatia could not be achieved, Yugoslavia would be thrust into civil war. And, crucially, General Veljko Kadijevic, the federal defence minister, reserved the army's right to stave off ethnic conflict.

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Tories rule out autumn election

SENIOR ministers yesterday moved to quell a fresh bout of general election fever by underlining the government's determination to carry on for a full term into 1992 (writes Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent).

As Labour leaders put their forces on the alert for an autumn election, Tory strategists denied it was a serious prospect and said the government's aim was to go to the country after carrying through an important legislative programme in the next session, including abolition of the community charge and its replacement by the council tax. A City survey published today of 1,600 businesses suggesting that the recession will deepen before the economy improves may also dispel talk of an early poll.

John Major has ordered a full summer offensive against Labour, prompting speculation that he may be considering a snap autumn election if the conditions warrant it. That is strongly played down by close colleagues who see the summer activities as part of a long and continuous campaign, that will include the strengthening of Mr Major's international credentials and the use of the party conference in October to launch Conser-

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Lawson rebuts Ridley's claim of betrayal

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

Lawson: accused former cabinet colleague

NIGEL Lawson said yesterday that Margaret Thatcher had been the author of her own downfall as he fiercely denied Nicholas Ridley's claim that he had betrayed her.

The former Chancellor spoke of his sadness that Mr Ridley should traduce former colleagues who had played a considerable supporting role in the Thatcher era "and a rather larger one than he ever played".

He accused Mr Ridley of "erecting a huge smokescreen in order to defend Margaret Thatcher against the charge that she overrode the proper way to conduct a cabinet". As Labour's Robin Cook accused the former ministers of "squabbling like fighting cats", Mr Lawson added for good measure that Mr Ridley was "a bit of an unguided missile" who was still in a state of shock over Mrs Thatcher's departure and was looking around for someone to blame.

The outspoken public slanging match between two men who served in Mrs Thatcher's cabinet together for years and who were once good friends delighted Labour and angered Conservative MPs, who believe that their colleagues who are retiring at the next election should show restraint. Mr Ridley had alleged that Mrs Thatcher's fall was the result of "medieval savagery" and panic by weak men who were hoisting the white flag even before the battle was joined. In his new book, *My Style of Government: The Thatcher Years*, Mr Ridley attacked those responsible for her "brisk and brutal" removal from office.

He also accused Mr Lawson, and the former foreign secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, of mounting a "shameful" ambush on her by threatening to resign if they did not get their way over the exchange rate mechanism before

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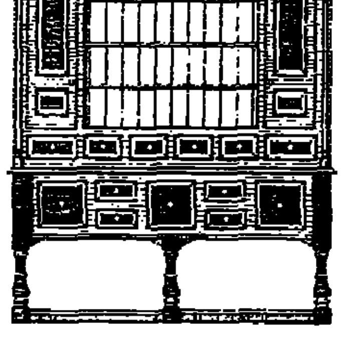

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Howard hopes enemy will give ammunition for union reforms

Scargill: Conservatives' favourite union bogeyman

MICHAEL Howard, the employment secretary, will look closely at one of Blackpool's most remarkable events: the coming together of the Conservatives' favourite trade union bogeymen – Arthur Scargill and Ron Todd.

The Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Union of Mineworkers open their annual conferences in Blackpool today. Mr Howard will look to Mr Todd and Mr Scargill to provide last-minute ammunition for his green paper on trade unions, ready for the Conservatives' sixth major piece of union legislation.

Both men are likely to give him rich pickings. This will be Mr Todd's last TGWU conference as general secretary. His successor, Bill Morris, is already in place. It is no coincidence that the two unions are on parade at the same time in the same town. They are engaged in long-term and largely stalled talks on a merger, though many in the TGWU consider taking Mr Scargill into the fold to be fraught with danger.

Despite the NUM's decline, **Philip Bassett** finds Arthur Scargill's appeal surviving against all the odds

For Mr Scargill, the NUM conference will be something of a victory rally. The £425,000 out-of-court settlement last month by South Yorkshire police to 39 miners wrongfully arrested in violent clashes outside the Orgreave coking works during the 1984-85 coal strike was, for Mr Scargill, sweet justice.

Equally sweet, and, for the fabric of the NUM, more important, was the collapse the day before of the legal action brought by the government's trade union watchdog. The failure of the case all but ends the dispute over miners' money that began more than a year ago with allegations about Soviet and Libyan donations during the strike.

Few people could have survived the pounding that Mr Scargill has taken in the row over the miners' money. Mr Scargill is not only surviving, but thriving: recent elections to the union's executive have seen more of his opponents replaced with supporters.

Mr Scargill's union, however, is not thriving. This year, there will be more unionised taxmen than miners as membership of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation passes that of the NUM. Since the Conservatives took office, the NUM has lost three-quarters of its membership, and is now down to 53,000. Each year in the past decade, the NUM has on average lost members at almost four times the rate of TUC unions generally.

The last time the NUM sat down with British Coal was April – the only time Mr Scargill has met Neil Clarke, BC's chairman, since he got the job last December. Mr Scargill, principally employed as a negotiator, has not negotiated a pay increase for members since 1983.

By any logical standards, Mr Scargill is a busted flush. However, such is his extraordinary nature, that such standards barely apply, and journalists and television crews will be drawn today by the Scargill magnet. He has been in the news since 1969.

British Coal managers remain half-thrilled and half-frightened by him, despite winning Britain's biggest industrial dispute since the 1926 General Strike. Investment analysts believe that potential shareholders in the privatised British Coal promised by the government will be detered by Mr Scargill's presence alone from buying stock. Few watching Mr Scargill's relentless, disciplined determination during the funds' court case last month doubt that the trade unions' principal militant remains bound to his fundamentalist revolutionary principles.

It is Mr Scargill's refusal to compromise that has led his union and his members into deep disarray and which will be grist to Mr Howard's mill as he prepares for the government's legal assault. That Mr Scargill will maintain his fight seems certain.

Todd accepts lesser role for unions at election

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

TRADE unions will not expect to occupy a prime position in the Labour party's campaign in the forthcoming general election, the leader of Britain's largest union, the TGWU transport workers, said yesterday.

The acceptance by Ron Todd, its general secretary, of a reduced role for unions is significant coming from a prominent left-wing union, and comes ahead of a new assault to be launched this week by Conservatives on Labour's union links.

Mr Todd's remarks, on the eve of the TGWU's biennial conference, which opens today in Blackpool, will be privately welcomed by Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, who will give a keynote speech to the conference on Wednesday.

Some left-wing union leaders, including Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, criticised the Labour leadership in the 1987 election for refusing to allow unions to play a prominent part in the campaign, leading to suspicions that Labour was pulling itself away from the trade unions which founded and finance it.

While Mr Todd yesterday did not accept that the unions would take a back seat in the forthcoming election campaign, he said unions "should not be in the position as though we are the prime force within the Labour party". Unions, he said, would be playing an active role and working hard for the return of a Labour government.

Three years ago, Mr Todd embarrassed Mr Kinnock during the Labour party conference in a speech in which he said there were in the party nostalgics and modernisers, and attacked the image-conscious socialists he saw as clustering around Mr Kinnock. Mr Todd said yesterday that such a division was no longer the case, since the TGWU and other unions had been heavily involved in Labour's policy review process in advance of the election. He refused also to pre-judge the outcome later this week of the party's interim review of electoral reform, which the TGWU was instrumental in establishing last year.

Mr Todd has made clear that the TGWU and unions in general will not hold out a blank cheque for Labour, a line which is likely to be welcomed by Mr Kinnock's advisers.

However, Michael Howard, the employment secretary, is likely to see it as evidence of the closeness of Labour-union relationships when he launches on the day Mr Kinnock speaks a further round of the government's renewed attack on trade unions.

● Bill Morris, TGWU general secretary-elect, said yesterday that his union would be interested in merging with the breakaway mining union, the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, as well as with the NUM. Mr Scargill, however, has said there is no chance.

● Trade union leaders from around Europe will meet John Major today to call for a series of job creation measures to cut unemployment, and for cuts in interest rates.

Major tries to resolve charter row

By Philip Webster
Chief political correspondent

JOHN Major is expected to intervene to try to resolve disputes between ministers over his new citizen's charter, which is to be outlined before the end of the month.

Proposals in the charter for reimbursing disaffected rail passengers are understood to have met strong opposition from Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, who fears it will add considerably to BR's costs as he prepares it for privatisation in the next parliament.

Treasury opposition to large-scale funding of the charter has hindered Whitehall discussions on the charter being drawn up by Francis Maude and John Redwood, members of the Thatcherite No Turning Back group.

Mr Major will tell cabinet colleagues this week that money will be available but will have to be argued for in the public spending round.

Government sources said the charter would contain the broad outlines of Mr Major's preferred approach, to be followed up by different departments. The charter agenda would take up to a decade to complete, they said.

Jack Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, said the citizen's charter was being "watered down before our very eyes".

● The citizen's charter should extend to local authority planning departments because they are failing process planning applications within a reasonable time limit, Housing Choice, the free market housing group, urges in a report published today.

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Rag trade businesses count cost of bank's collapse

By Bill Frost

DISBELIEF and anger had given way to resignation among Asian traders in east London yesterday after the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Many in this traditional centre of the clothing business were account holders with BCCI, and some had paid substantial amounts into their branches just hours before the crash.

Mangat Kundra, aged 52, who owns a clothing wholesaler immediately opposite BCCI's Commercial Road branch in east London, said he had lost £80,000. Today he will be petitioning the liquidators in the hope of recovering some of his money.

"I paid in money last Wednesday," Mr Kundra said. "The first I knew of the collapse was on Friday afternoon when a notice appeared on the bank's door saying they were closed for business. But just days earlier they had offered me an unsolicited loan of £350,000 with my premises as security. Thank goodness I did not take up the option."

Mr Kundra's misfortune could have been much worse. Two months ago he had £800,000 with BCCI in several accounts. "We pulled the bulk of our money out of the bank after reading of allegations that BCCI had been laundering cocaine money from South America," he said. "But the manager of our branch told us that things were above board in Britain, so we left one account with BCCI."

Latif Blass, of Just Shirts, a wholesaler in Commercial Street, east London, was also counting the cost of the BCCI collapse. He brandished two cheques drawn on the bank worth a total of £6,500: "Customers paid these to me on Friday, just hours before the Bank of England stepped in," he said. "They are worthless, but how many more are in the post?"

Muhmmad Ali Shah, proprietor of West End Fashion in Aldgate, east London, has had £40,000 frozen with the collapse of BCCI. He also paid post-dated cheques totalling £142,576 into his branch at Commercial Road just half an hour before the Bank of England stepped in.

Mr Shah says he can survive the blow, but is bitter about BCCI, and said: "Why were they taking money off me just minutes before the authorities stepped in? I am not angry any more for myself because this business will survive. But there are others to whom a couple of thousand pounds means the difference between making a living and disaster."

Satvinda Kohli, aged 22, of Commercial Street, lost her dowry of £40,000 with the collapse of BCCI last Friday. The money, a wedding present from her family, had been invested in a high-interest account as a down payment on a home.

Mrs Kohli's mother said: "Tomorrow morning, I am going to the Bank of England myself, and the liquidators, to get satisfaction. We worked for this money so Satvinda and her husband could have a good start in life."

Not everyone was in such combative mood though. One Commercial Road rag-trader was positively beaming as he spoke of the BCCI collapse. "Why should I reach for the worry beads?" he said. "I owe them money, and it will be months before I have to pay anything back."

Asian businessmen in Bradford yesterday called on the Bank of England to sanction immediate compensation in the wake of the BCCI collapse. "Without help now, thousands of families will lose their businesses and livelihoods," Hasmukh Shah, spokesman for the World Council of Hindus, said.

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Partial escape: Mangat Kundra, who cut his £800,000 deposits in BCCI after reading of allegations against it

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BCCI liquidators set up customers' action line

LIQUIDATORS to the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International have set up an action line to advise thousands of the banks customers whose accounts have been frozen. Touche Ross, the accountants who are masterminding the winding-up of the bank, is urging small businesses whose accounts have been closed to contact other banks to ask for emergency bridging loans. Depositors are only insured for £15,000 of their savings, and will have to wait months for compensation.

The advice line opens this morning, and will take pressure off the Bank of England, which was besieged with calls from worried BCCI customers over the weekend.

The vast majority of BCCI's assets of $20 billion were frozen on Friday.

The purchase of BCCI's credit card business by Save & Prosper has also been delayed by the suspension.

BCCI's largest card is the GreenCard. This set up a charitable trust in 1989 to benefit the environment and has almost 80,000 customers. It has raised more than £200,000 for environmental groups. Actor Derek Nimmo, and television presenter, Anne Diamond are among the trustees. Organisations to have received money include the Tidy Britain Group, the Brunei Rainforest Project and Orkney Seal Rescue. The bank also issued cards linked to 16 clubs and organisations, and zodiac cards. These allowed customers to choose their own starsign. A horoscope is sent each month to customers with their statements.

Neil Bennet reports on efforts to advise account holders of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International

The bank's affinity cards benefit the Church Army, National Association of Head Teachers, Down's Syndrome Association, the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, and the Constabulary Travel Club. The latter is a club for serving or retired police officers.

A Welsh card was launched last year. This is the only national affinity card. It benefits the Clwyd Community Chest, established in 1974 to develop voluntary involvemenmt in social services, health and the environment.

Affinity cards donate a lump sum to charities or organisations when a new card is issued and pay over donations for every £100 spent using the cards.

Cardholders tend to be recruited by the club or charity and do not have to be customers of the bank which issues the cards.

BCCI put the credit card operation up for sale in May. Save & Prosper was expected to buy it for about £500,000 next month. Mark Christopher of S & P said it was still interested in buying the card business, although it was not legally committed to the deal. "This is likely to delay the takeover by several months. Cardholders will become disenchanted if they cannot use their cards. This will have a bearing on the ultimate value to us of the business," said Mr Christopher.

Customers had the option of either a Visa card or a MasterCard with the bank.

● *Touche Ross - BCCI depositors line (071) 480 7766. Written claims should eb sent to: Christopher Morris, claims, BCCI, 100 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3AD.*

History teachers criticised by report

By John O'Leary
Higher education correspondent

EVEN the best teachers of history in junior schools are not meeting the requirements of the national curriculum, government-funded research has found.

History is part of the second wave of subjects to be introduced into the curriculum for primary schools in September. The range of topics to be covered, teaching objectives and assessment methods were laid down by ministers on the advice of a national working party.

The Economic and Social Research Council funded Peter Knight, an educational researcher from Lancaster university, to examine the performance of teachers identified as skilled in the teaching of history. A sample of 28 teachers was chosen from nominations by 400 heads.

Most of the 28 shunned regular testing and covered the set topics in a general way, rather than following the more structured approach demanded by the new curriculum. Only a quarter planned their lessons with precise targets in mind, most preferring to engage the interest of their seven to 11 year-old pupils through wide-ranging exposure to history. Many felt that the subject did not lend itself to the codified approach of the national curriculum.

In a report of the project in the *British Educational Research Journal*, Mr Knight said that much would have to change before schools complied with the national curriculum.

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Island crash

John Harrison, aged 46, of Liss, Hampshire, was injured yesterday when the Tripacer single-engined aircraft he was using to tow an advertising banner ditched in the sea a mile off the Isle of Wight. Mr Harrison and his passenger, Alan Kennedy, of Sheet, Hampshire, were rescued by a fishing boat; both are in naval hospital in Gosport.

Inequality case

Morag O'Mara, an administrator, has been awarded £2,921 compensation by an industrial tribunal that decided the Scottish Agricultural College discriminated against her when it failed to promote her after she became pregnant. The tribunal ordered the college to promote her within a year or face having to pay further compensation.

National Gallery extension a triumph, says prince

By John Young

THE Prince of Wales has given his approval to the new Sainsbury wing extension to the National Gallery, which the Queen will open tomorrow. In a programme to be shown tonight on BBC2, he says he is "rather pleased" with the result.

The prince particularly admires the way in which the American architect Robert Venturi has handled the interior spaces of the gallery, which he considers a triumph.

The programme, *The Much Loved Friend?*, takes its title from a well-publicised speech by the prince in 1984, when he described the then proposed design for the extension to the Trafalgar Square building as "a monstrous carbuncle on the face of an elegant and much loved friend."

Of Venturi's design, which has been criticised in some quarters as being bland and imitative, Prince Charles says: "Obviously it is a very difficult thing to do to add an extension *to* an existing building like the National Gallery, and I think that on the whole the architect has managed very successfully."

What the design of the new extension has not done is "to shout at the old friend from nearby; it hasn't produced a rather raucous younger person standing beside saying 'Look how old and wrinkled you are', so to speak. I think it has quite sensitively complemented the old building, whatever you may think of it, so I think on the whole that it has been a great success."

As for the interior, which has been acclaimed by most critics, the prince says: "The actual quality of space and the colour of the background and the tonal differences I think are remarkably successful, and give a great sense of presence, an elegance and also a simplicity which I think is one of the great hallmarks of this extension.

"The pictures do look remarkably good, particularly when you get the vistas and the glimpses of pictures through the openings. I think it has made a very great contribution to the gallery."

In the hour-long documentary, Simon Sainsbury indicates that he and his brothers were persuaded to donate the money for the extension only out of despair at the failure of successive governments to fulfil a commitment made after the furniture store, which formerly occupied the site, was destroyed by second world war bombs.

It is the responsibility of governments to fund major extensions to public buildings, he says. But no government of any persuasion had done anything about it.

The prince reflecting on the gallery's greater successes with Lord Rothschild

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Scot wins crossword championship

By John Grant, crossword editor

THE 21st Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship at the Langham Hotel, London, yesterday, was won by last year's Scottish champion, Mr Michael Macdonald-Cooper, from Inchture, Tayside. Mr Macdonald-Cooper, aged 49, is a retired education administrator. He completed the four puzzles in an average time of just over 12 minutes each.

Mr William Pilkington, aged 43, who was second, is the budget officer for Cleveland, and lives in Munthorpe. Mr Tony Sever, aged 46, a computer systems analyst from Ealing and a former national champion, was third.

Other prize winners were: 4th Mr P J Meade, 50, Bristol champion, from Shurdington, Gloucestershire; 5th Dr Helen Oughan, 34, from Aberystwyth; 6th Mr J G R Stowe, 59, from Henley-on-Thames; 7th Mr Richard Jacks, 41, from High Wycombe; 8th Dr John Burscough, 33, of Scawby, Humberside.

● The incorrect solution to *Listener* Crossword No 3102 was printed in *The Times Saturday Review* on July 6. The correct solution is printed below. We regret that *Listener* Crossword No 3105 is now void.

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Major ready to unite anti-pollution work in single new agency

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major will today announce the government's biggest about-turn on environmental policy in recent years when he announces the setting up of a unified Environmental Protection Agency, which will bring together the disparate bodies regulating pollution to air, land and water.

His commitment, to be made in his first significant green speech as prime minister, will go into the Tory election manifesto and will be seen as a bold attempt to steal the clothes of the Labour party, which today will also detail its ideas on the same subject.

The agency will amalgamate the functions of the National Rivers Authority and the Drinking Water Inspectorate, both set up only in 1989, and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, set up two years earlier, and will also take national responsibility for waste management from local authorities. The result will be an immensely powerful anti-pollution "police force", similar to the Environmental Protection Agency in the United States, which has long been called for by British environmentalists.

The idea, however, has been rejected twice by Tories in recent years. In 1989, calls by the Tory-controlled Commons environment select committee, chaired by Sir Hugh Rossi, were dismissed by the then environment secretary, Nicholas Ridley.

Mr Ridley's successor, Chris Patten, gave the idea more consideration in the preparation of his environment white paper, published last year, but came out against it on the grounds that the bodies that would need to be merged had only just been set up and were still finding their feet.

Two factors have changed since then: the arrival at 10 Downing Street of Mr Major, receptive to ideas side-lined by Margaret Thatcher, and the return to the office of environment secretary of Michael Heseltine, with his enthusiasm for the science of management.

It is widely accepted that the partially overlapping roles of the rivers authority and the pollution inspectorate make no managerial sense, so Mr Heseltine has decided to brave the administrative trauma of the merger to put environmental protection in Britain on a rational basis once and for all, while Mr Major can reap the political gains of such a bold stroke.

Mr Major will announce the new organisation in a speech today to an environment conference in London organised by *The Sunday Times*. Labour's proposals, meanwhile, will be spelled out by Ann Taylor, shadow minister for environmental protection, in a Fabian Society pamphlet. They will include a plan for an independent environmental protection commission, similar to the health and safety commission, to which an environmental protection executive would report.

The agency that Mr Major is proposing will be at arm's length from the government, although reporting ultimately to the environment department, its sponsor.

The government will be keen to push through the difficulties of the merger as quickly as possible and may try to have the agency set up within two years of the consultation paper on the exercise, due for publication in the autumn.

Senior sources yesterday suggested that obvious candidates for the posts of chairman and chief executive are already available in Lord Crickhowell, who has made his mark as chairman of the National Rivers Authority, and David Slater, the new head of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, who was chosen by Mr Heseltine and who is widely admired.

Under threat: Royal Welch Fusiliers and Life Guards

MPs urge King to backtrack on frontline cuts

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Conservative backbenchers will today make a last-minute appeal to Tom King, the defence secretary, to change his mind over the future size of the army's frontline forces.

Under present plans, infantry battalions are to be cut from 55 to 36 and armoured regiments from 19 to 11.

Mr King will be warned that 36 infantry battalions will not be enough to fulfil all the commitments, unless the 10 battalions in Northern Ireland are drastically reduced. "Tom King (as a former Northern Ireland secretary) knows more than anyone else, that that is not possible," Sir Philip Goodhart, MP for Beckenham, said yesterday.

Sir Philip will be among half a dozen MPs, led by Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the Conservative backbench defence committee, who will be seeing Mr King today, on the eve of the publication of the defence white paper.

Conservative backbenchers' growing concern over the planned cuts in frontline troops has emerged as the army board prepares final recommendations for ministers on the disbandment or amalgamation of some of the most famous regiments.

The board's executive committee agreed on amalgamations of cavalry and armoured regiments last Friday but will meet again today to consider further the future of infantry regiments.

One controversial recommendations to ministers is the merger of the two regiments of Household Cavalry, The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals into a single Household Cavalry Regiment, reducing the number of squadrons from six to four. Two of the squadrons would wear The Life Guards cap and two the cap of The Blues and Royals.

Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Colonel of The Life Guards, said he hoped there was still time for John Major "to see sense", describing the proposed merger as "very unwise".

General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, Colonel of The Blues and Royals, which was amalgamated in the last regimental changes in 1969, has told General Sir John Chapple, chief of the general staff, that a merger would make it difficult for the two regiments to carry out their dual role, as combat troops and ceremonial soldiers. The Queen, colonel-in-chief of both regiments, did not like her household troops to be "purely ceremonial figures", Sir Desmond said. The amalgamation would affect some of the best-known ceremonial occasions such as Trooping the Colour.

Royal Armoured Corps regiments under greatest threat include The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, The 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, and the 14th/20th King's Hussars.

Among the most controversial proposals for infantry battalion amalgamations is the merger of The Royal Welch Fusiliers and The Cheshire Regiment. Both have launched public and private campaigns to retain their identities.

AGENDA

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today
Transport workers and miners confer in Blackpool. Kenneth Baker unveils memorial to PC Laurence Brown in Pownall Road, Hackney. Lollipop Lady of the Year is named.

Tomorrow
Defence estimates published. Trustees' governing council settles the future of London Zoo. The Queen opens Sainsbury wing at the National Gallery.

Wednesday
Royal Tournament opens. Service of thanksgiving for life of Eric Heffer at St Margaret's, Westminster. National Caretaker of the Year awards presented in Birmingham.

Thursday
Meteorological Office discloses what the weather is doing to the energy and water industries. Mme Mitterrand receives honorary degree from Edinburgh university.

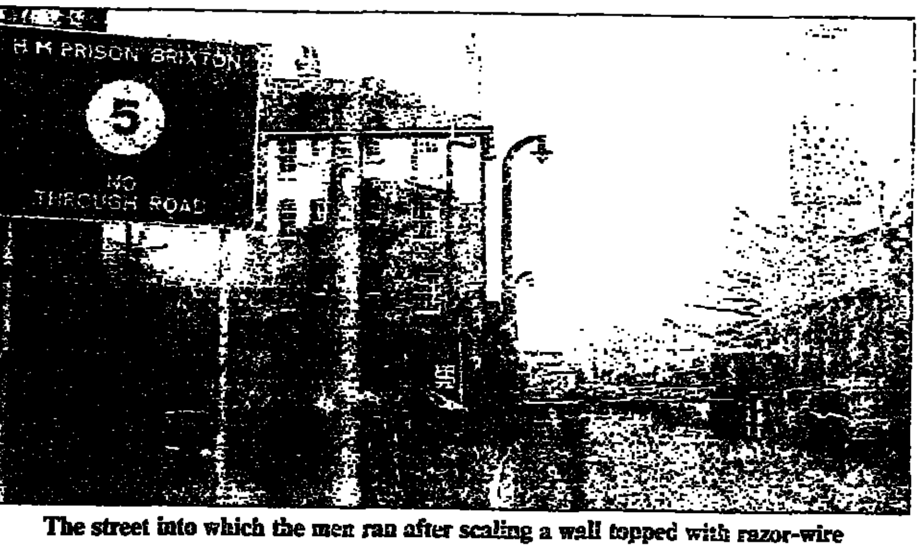
Friday
The Duchess of York visits the Royal Windsor Rose and Horticultural Society show. Thames Water displays the state of London sewers.

Saturday
Phillips auction of classic rivercraft and boating ephemera at Henley.

Sunday
The Duke of York starts Tall Ships Race from Britannia at Milford Haven. Classic fighter display at Duxford.

JULIAN HERBERT

Police at Jebb Avenue, where the escapers commandeered a prison officer's car at gunpoint before driving 200 yards to Brixton Hill



The street into which the men ran after scaling a wall topped with razor-wire

The car seized from a tourist, who was shot in the leg

Potent symbols of IRA lawlessness

The escape yesterday of two IRA suspects from Brixton prison is the latest in a long line of jail-breaks, **Edward Gorman** writes

MEMBERS of the IRA have been escaping from British and Irish jails since as long ago as 1918. The organisation regards successful escapes as important morale boosters for its many volunteers serving long-term sentences and, particularly in Northern Ireland and Britain, as potent symbols of its defiance of British rule in Ireland and British justice.

Over the years, the Provisionals have engineered a number of mass escapes, including one from the Maze jail in September 1983 when 38 men got away and one prison officer died. Ten years earlier, the IRA sprung three men from Mountjoy prison in Dublin by landing a helicopter in the recreation ground.

IRA prisoners have a significant advantage over ordinary inmates because they have the support of an organisation on the outside and, in the case of jails in the republic and Northern Ireland, on the inside too, dedicated to getting them out. But many escapes by Provisionals have also been noteworthy for their determination.

The first recorded jailbreak in the modern Republican movement took place in 1918 when four men, Joe McGrath, George Geraghty, Barney Mellows and Frank Shouldice, escaped without outside assistance from Usk jail, Gwent. Once free, the men posed as American tourists to evade the police.

Throughout the civil war years and after partition, IRA men continued to escape, often with the help of prison staff and by means of tunnels. Twenty-one men escaped from Londonderry jail in 1943 after digging a tunnel. Although the dirt from the excavation was flushed down the lavatories and plumbers were frequently called to clear blockages, the suspicion of prison authorities was never raised and the escape went ahead.

The IRA managed a number of breakouts during the first ten years of the troubles, including that of the so-called "Magnificent Seven" who escaped from the prison ship Maidstone and, covered in grease, swam to freedom underneath barbed wire surrounding the vessel.

The first escape during the troubles was by Gerard "Fitzy" FitzGerald, who was taken from the Royal Victoria hospital in Belfast by four men disguised as doctors who disarmed two policemen. FitzGerald took part in another successful escape in 1975 when 12 prisoners broke free from Newry courthouse where they were being tried on charges connected with previous attempted escapes.

One of the most successful breakouts of the 1970s took place a year earlier when 19 prisoners escaped through a hole blown in the wall of Portlaoise prison in the Irish republic. The first escape of the 1980s also involved Brixton prison when Gerard Tuite and two other prisoners managed to get away from the top security wing. Tuite, who was awaiting trial in connection with IRA Christmas bombings in London in 1978, burrowed through three cell walls, crossed a roof and exercise yard and scaled the jail's 15ft perimeter wall using ropes and a plank.

He reached the Irish republic but was arrested in 1982 and jailed for ten years for possessing explosives and bomb-making equipment in London. That breakout was followed in 1981 by the escape of eight remand prisoners from Crumlin Road jail in Belfast who shot their way to freedom in spite of coming under fire by police and army stationed opposite the jail. Six were later re-arrested.

In 1989, an attempted mass breakout by Republicans from Crumlin Road failed when an RUC patrol noticed a mechanical digger on a building site near the prison with more than 500lb of explosives in its bucket. It became clear later that a series of violent disturbances involving more than 20 incidents in West Belfast had been designed to distract the security forces during the planned breakout. A search of the jail recovered 4lb of Semtex plastic explosive, a handgun and a quantity of ammunition.

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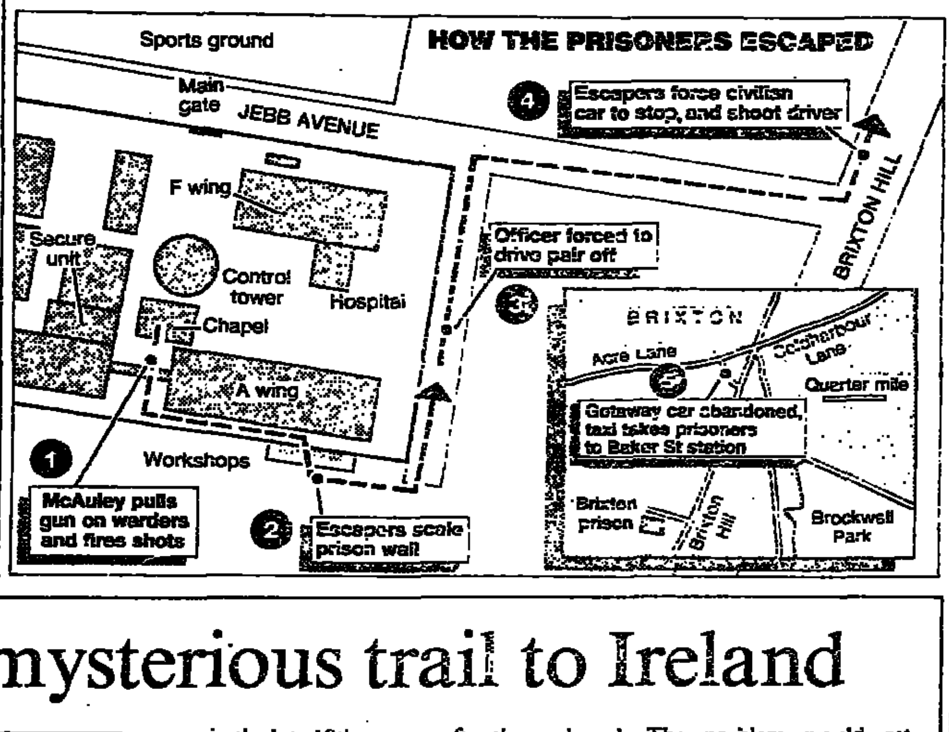
HOW THE PRISONERS ESCAPED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Main gate
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A wing
Workshops
BRIXTON HILL
1 McAuley pulls gun on warders and fires shots
2 Escapers scale prison wall
3 Officer forced to drive pair off
4 Escapers force civilian car to stop, and shoot driver
BRIXTON
Acre Lane
Coldharbour Lane
Quarter mile
5 Getaway car abandoned, taxi takes prisoners to Baker St station
Brixton prison
Brixton Hill
Brockwell Park

Break-outs prompted tighter security

THE maximum-security wing at Brixton jail, the prison service's most important remand establishment, was held to be one of the most secure in Britain.

Since it was opened in 1969, inmates have included IRA members, Arab terrorists, notorious common criminals and women deemed high-security risks. The maximum-security wing was built as the result of a government enquiry after a series of escapes in the mid-1960s.

The Mountbatten report, published in 1967, examined the circumstances surrounding the escapes of the spy George Blake and two of the great train robbers. As a result of the report, Brixton has since been monitored by closed-circuit television, and dogs have been used to patrol the perimeter. The local police station is linked to the prison and has a procedure to follow in the event of a break-out.

Twenty-three prisoners escaped in the ten years after the report, including a brief flight by 13 men in 1973. Two years later, a refuse lorry was used to ram the prison's rear gate in an attempted mass break-out that ended with twelve prison officers being injured.

The 1980s began with the escape of the IRA bomber Gerard Tuite, but there were far fewer attempts after that. In 1982 a remand prisoner tricked his way to freedom using another man's identity. Three years ago, a bomb exploded inside a prison van as it returned to Brixton from the Old Bailey, but guards overpowered the four high-security prisoners.

Although Brixton was built for 730 prisoners, it regularly holds 1,100.

Garden statue thefts beat mysterious trail to Ireland

The charms of stylish garden statuary, now fetching high prices, have also attracted a less welcome interest. **John Shaw** reports

Slave-girl: £57,200 of garden statuary

A SCANTILY clad Greek slave-girl from a country house garden was sold for £57,200 to an anonymous buyer the other day at Christie's in St James's, £17,000 more than the estimate.

Such good prices for attractive figures and other adornments of the elegant garden have also bred a darker side in a growing wave of thefts from the grounds of schools, country houses and stately homes.

She was the stylish top lot in the firm's best sale of garden statuary for several years. Her marble charms contributed much to the £468,000 total. The auction was 82 per cent sold.

Colin Reeve, the head of group security at Christie's, said: "Three or four years ago we used to get reports of one stolen piece every three or four months. Now, we get several reports every week; some weeks it is four or five, other weeks it can be as many as 20.

"We have had an incredible spate in the last few months. We are now taking extra special care to check the provenance of every piece of statuary coming in, but it is taking up more and more time. People are going to fantastic lengths to steal."

Earlier this year two heavy stone figures of Mars and Minerva over the front door of a house in rural North Yorkshire were lifted down in the middle of the night and driven away while the owners slept.

The statues were taken to Ireland and turned up, via a dealer, at Christie's. The firm's enquiries established they were stolen and they are being returned to their owners but, he said, the problem was becoming worse all the time.

Detectives suspected road gangs using heavy lifting equipment and wandering travellers. "There would also seem to be a definite link with Ireland," he said.

A 36in bronze figure of Mercury, cast in the late 19th century after the discovery of the original at Herculaneum in August 1754, was stolen from beside the swimming pool at Aldenham school near Watford, Hertfordshire, in February. Three months later it turned up as lot 457 in a statuary sale at Sotheby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex, with an estimated value of £2,500 to £4,000.

James Rylands, a director of the firm, spotted it was stolen in *Trace*, the magazine which publicises stolen works of art, and it was withdrawn from sale immediately. Thieves have since returned to the school trying to steal another statue of Eros valued at £35,000. They were disturbed and made off but other garden gangs have been more successful, particularly elsewhere in the home counties and Thames Valley.

The thefts are driven by high prices on the legitimate market and the increasing vogue for garden decoration.

Robert Whitaker, security adviser to the National Trust, said the level of thefts over the past year to 18 months was incredible. Somewhere there was a big market, probably abroad. The problem would get worse and the recovery rate was low.

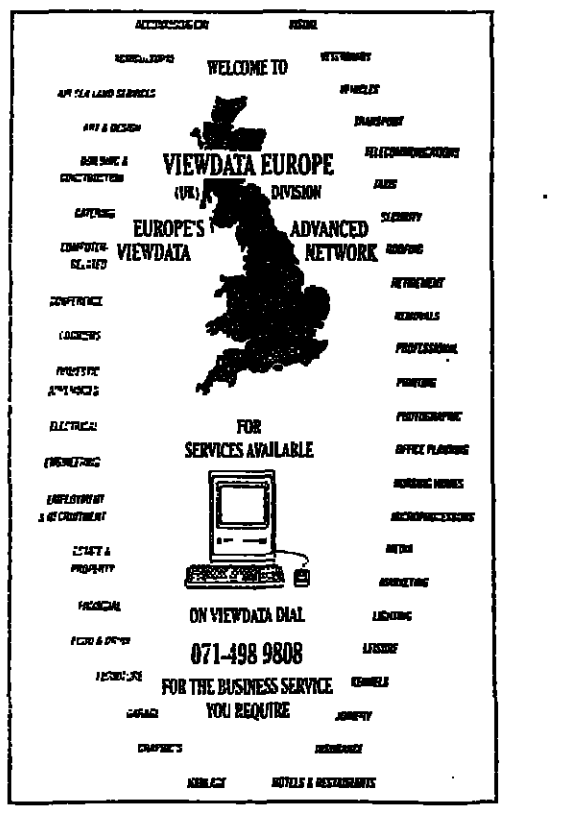
Urgent action was needed by museums, galleries and historical societies. It had been estimated that the traffic in illicit art and antiques was worth up to £500 million a year.

The thefts appeared to be random but he believed they were extremely well organised.

Philip Davies, from the London region of English Heritage, said statuary thefts were part of a much wider problem covering architectural fittings generally. "These thefts have mushroomed over the past 10 to 15 years."

Chimney pieces, panelling, stained glass, fireplaces, door cases, ironwork and plasterwork were targeted. "It is not just buildings. It is anything in the street, even down to York pavings. The thefts have now reached epidemic proportions."

His organisation wanted dealers to issue certificates of provenance for items over a certain age so that the public would know they were authentic and not stolen. It was pressing for legislation covering architectural salvage dealers.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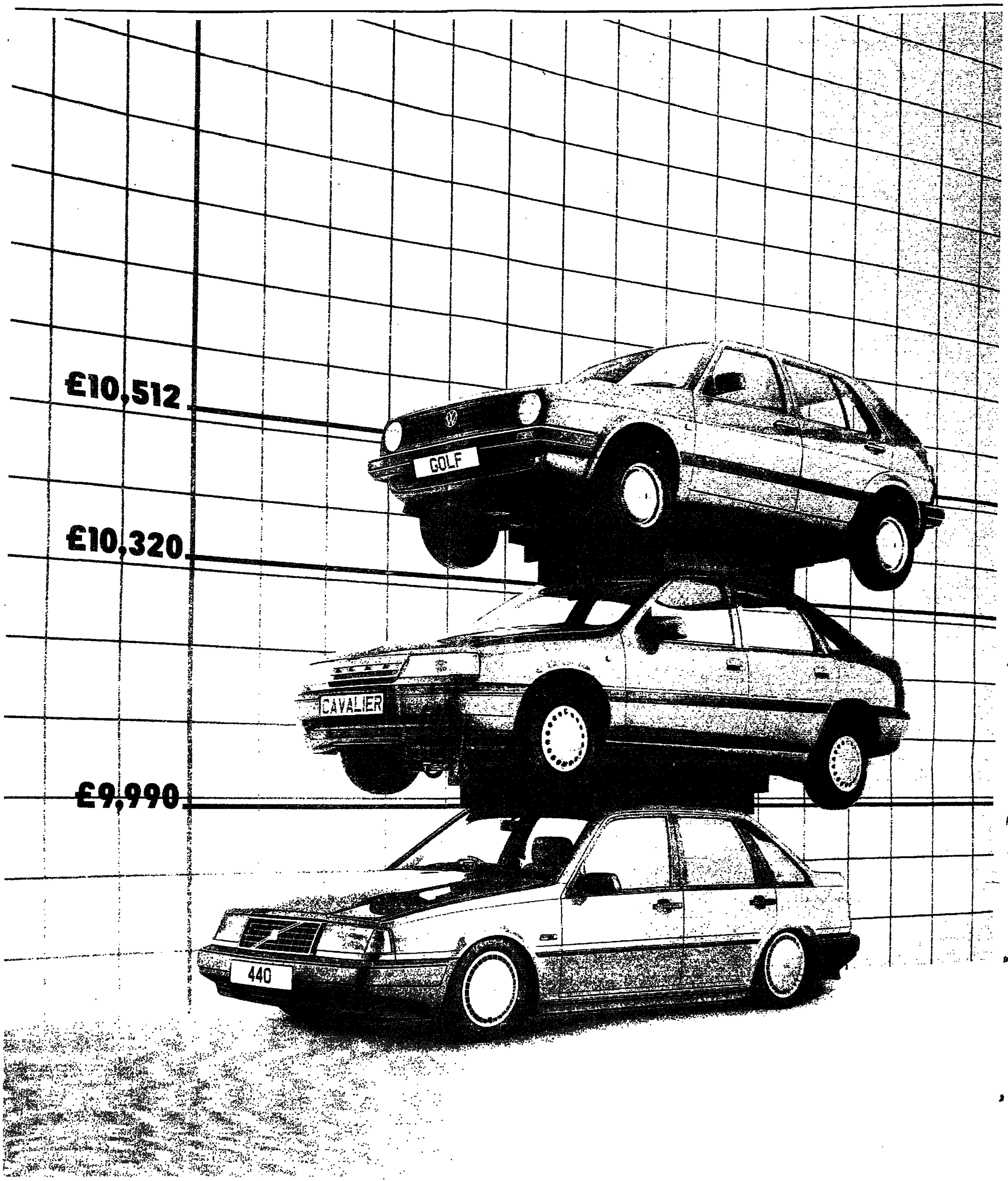

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Cost-cutting triumph for BR as new 225 service is launched

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A NEW chapter in the era of high-speed rail travel begins today with the inauguration of British Rail's summer timetable for the new InterCity 225 service between London, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The prohibitive expense of emulating France in building a network of dedicated high-speed lines forced InterCity to concentrate on running faster trains on existing tracks, thereby offering passengers Continental-style speed and comfort at a fraction of the price.

The InterCity 225 is the culmination of more than a decade of planning and is the biggest single investment scheme undertaken by BR for 30 years.

When the entire fleet begins running in October, passengers will be able to travel from London to Edinburgh in under four hours. Fares will range from £162 for a first-class return to £44 for an apex return.

Plans to upgrade the East Coast mainline were finally authorised in July 1984 after years of delays. The scheme involved the electrification of around 400 miles of track and the demolition, rebuilding and raising of 157 bridges.

Don Heath, the project director, said that the electrification programme confronted BR engineers with many technical obstacles, which had to be solved without damaging the numerous listed buildings and bridges.

On the Royal Border bridge across the Tweed at Berwick, for example, the Royal Fine Art Commission objected to the use of masts needed to carry the electric current. Officials recommended that the trains should coast along the bridge or be equipped with batteries. The problem was eventually solved by installing streamlined masts, which preserved the scenic view across the viaduct.

The £515 million project took seven years to complete, and virtually all the work was carried out at night or at weekends, minimising disruption to normal services. It was completed under budget and, apart for a two-month delay because of resignalling difficulties in the Newcastle upon Tyne area, on time.

The new InterCity 225s, which have been running between London and Leeds since October, were built by GEC-Alsthom, the Anglo-French locomotive and rolling stock manufacturer, although much of the train's aerodynamic technology came from the ill-fated advanced passenger train.

The trains have an operating speed of 140mph and were developed at a cost of £9,000 a seat, compared to £15,000 a seat for France's Grand Vitesse (TGV), and £21,000 a seat for Germany's InterCity Express.

Mr Heath said that the InterCity 225 was far superior to its French cousin. "It's more spacious and comfortable than the TGV, and it provides business executives with far more room to work in," he said. Moreover, the success of the project had given a tremendous boost to BR's morale, demonstrating that a nationalised industry was capable of handling a large-scale investment project.

☐ BR's Speedlink service, which has helped to keep freight off the roads, is suspended from today after the announcement of annual losses in excess of £30 million.

The suspension comes a month after Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, said he wanted to shift more freight from road to rail by opening up the rail network to private companies.

Fears of large jobs losses have receded, however, following discussions between Railfreight Distribution, which ran Speedlink, and its customers. The company expects to be able to carry about 85 per cent of Speedlink's international traffic, and half of its domestic traffic.

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Explosion kills cyclist

A cyclist died yesterday when a can of petrol he was carrying exploded, engulfing him in flames. The unnamed man had stopped to light a cigarette at Staple Hill, Bristol.

Passers-by tried unsuccessfully to put out flames. The man was taken by ambulance to Frenchay hospital but was dead on arrival.

HIV damages

The 103 Irish haemophiliacs infected with the HIV Aids virus from blood products have accepted government compensation ranging from £70,000 for single people to £100,000 for married people with children.

War memorial

A plaque dedicated to Colonel H Jones, killed during the 1982 Falklands war, was unveiled at his childhood village of Kingswear, south Devon.

Murder inquiry

A man was being questioned by police last night after a 59-year-old man was stabbed to death in an attack at his home in Whitley Wood, Reading.

Boy, two, killed

A two-year-old boy died when a lorry trailer broke free and crashed into his home near Buxton, Derbyshire.

Bond winners

The winners of this week's Premium bond draw are: £100,000, bond number 22SZ 480050, winner lives in Wiltshire; £50,000, 35DP 733852 (Devon); £25,000, 8CZ 609909 (Milton Keynes).

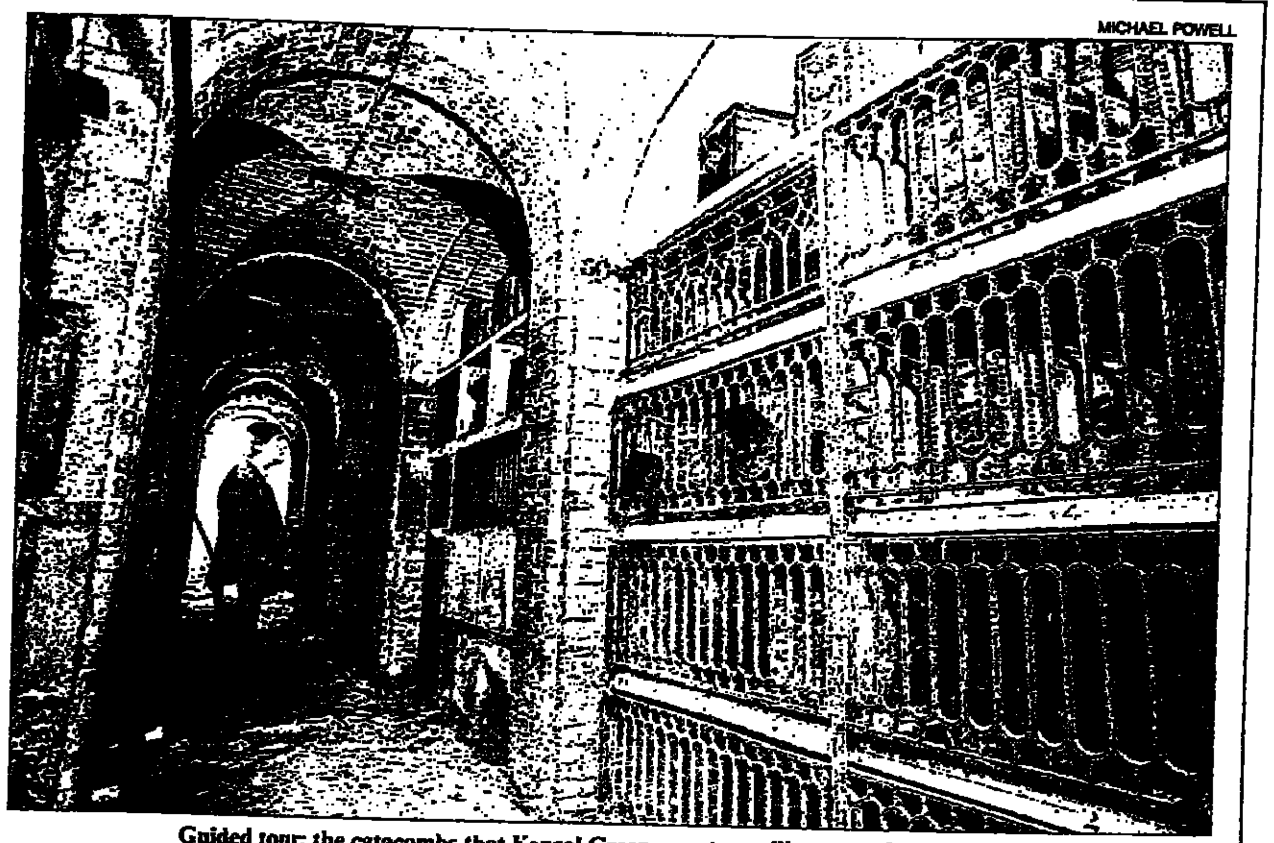
Cemetery welcomes tombstone tourists

By DAVID YOUNG

A SECOND Victorian cemetery in north London is to promote its funerary marvels, with guided tours of the graves of famous authors and architects and the catacombs beneath its Anglican chapel.

Members of the Victorian Society, English Heritage and the Victoria and Albert Museum have formed the Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery, which lies a few miles from Highgate. Karl Marx's grave attracts 100,000 visitors a year to Highgate, north London, Britain's best-known Victorian cemetery, and Rod Stewart once worked there as a gravedigger for £7.50 a day.

Kensal Green cemetery has been described as atmospheric, important and beautiful, although for many it is seen only as a high wall encircling 50 mysterious acres. It is owned by the General Cemetery Company, which set it up in the 1830s, and the grounds are near capacity.



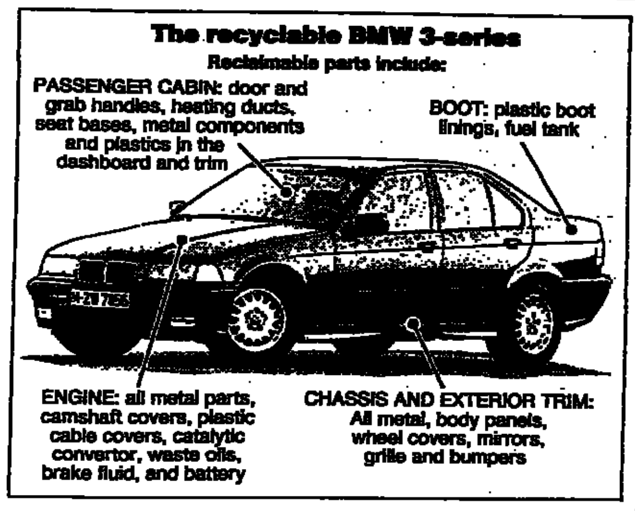
Guided tour: the catacombs that Kensal Green cemetery will open to the public

Modern graves encroach on pathways shadowed by older, grander monuments, but the company's act of incorporation insists that the area should become a memorial park when full. That has allowed the Friends to be formed and to devise a plan for preservation, largely through volunteers. Kensal Green is overgrown in parts but most of the monuments are in reasonable condition and visitors are unlikely to be charged for entrance, as they are at Highgate.

Brunel is buried at Kensal Green, his monument a simple square lump. The tombs of Thackeray, Trollope, Wilkie Collins, Charles Babbage, Augustus Frederick the Duke of Sussex, and his sister Princess Sophia are there.

Kensal Green is the resting place of a circus baron called Ducrow, making his final disappearance with ringmaster's hat and gloves carved at the base of his tomb. There is also a quack whose patent medicines killed the sick and who was charged with manslaughter.

It is appropriate that the final weekend of Wimbledon has been chosen for the launch. In plot number 53 rests Major Walter Clopton Wingfield, inventor of lawn tennis.



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Old scrap puts new cars on the road

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE age of the back-street car scrapyard could be numbered as the big motor firms concentrate not just on how well they make their cars but also how to scrap them.

BMW is to become the first motor manufacturer in Britain to set up recycling centres at which its cars will be dismantled and toxic fluids collected for reuse. The scheme follows pioneering work in Germany, where motor makers have been ordered to make arrangements to collect old cars and recycle them.

Metals, accounting for about 75 per cent of the car's weight, have always been easy to collect and turn to scrap for reuse. But fluids or plastics left in the engine spoil the crushed metal, lowering its value.

Little effort has been put into collecting plastics, which do not degrade, or fluids such as oil, anti-freeze and battery acids, which were tipped away into the domestic drainage system. BMW is aiming to produce a car that is 100 per cent recyclable, but in the meantime it has, during the past few days, started collecting toxic engine fluids at its dealerships.

Tom Purves, managing director of BMW (GB), said: "We estimate that 3.5 million litres of engine oil are used by our dealers annually and that represents only half a per cent of the motor oil consumption in Britain. We are no longer prepared to accept that waste is simply tipped down the drain."

BMW's 160 British dealers are sending engine oil and brake fluids from service bays to recycling plants in Germany. The most ambitious part of the scheme, however, lies in plans for ten British recycling centres, operating in three years' time, taking in old BMWs and dismantling them into pieces that can be reused as parts for new cars.

Customers will take their old car for valuation and be offered about £100, as they are in Germany. Authorised scrap dealers will then drain away fluids for reuse and separate the car's 20,000 parts for recycling. About 80 per cent of the current BMW 3-series is recyclable, according to the company's engineers.

Many parts can be stripped out and reconditioned. From October, BMW dealers will collect damaged painted bumpers from the 3-series for shredding and shipping to Germany, where they will be turned into new components in new 3-series cars.

Mr Purves said: "We have spoken to vehicle dismantlers and they are keen to work with us. I think there will have to be greater sophistication in the future because that is the way that the environment issue is moving."

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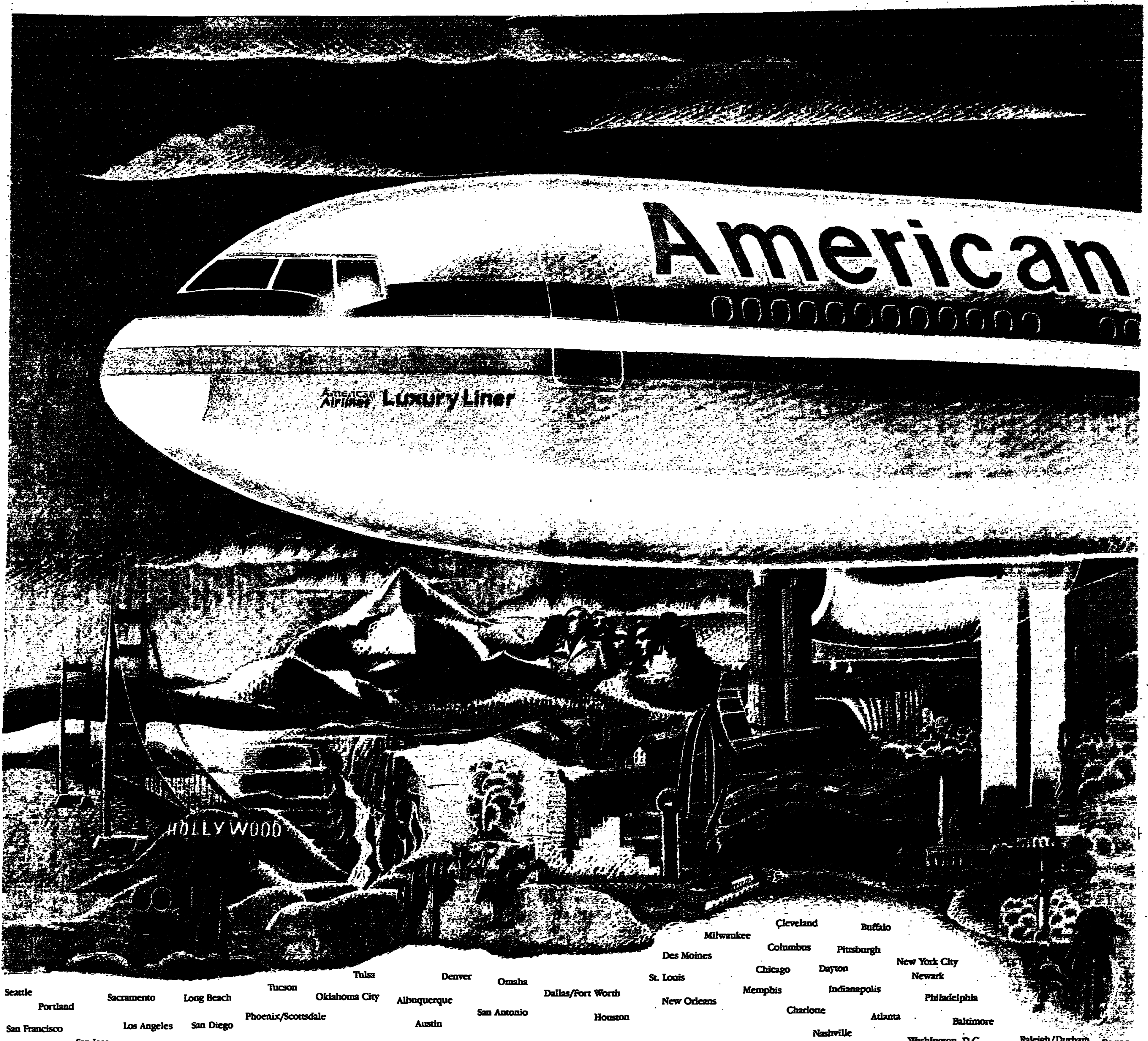

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Labour regains poll lead but Lib Dems take Tory support

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

LABOUR regained a small lead over the Conservatives in the second quarter of 1991, according to the latest aggregate analysis of Mori polls covering interviews with nearly 6,000 people from April to June. But support lost by the Tories went almost entirely to the Liberal Democrats, suggesting that Labour is no longer winning over former Tory supporters.

Although there has been late evidence of a Tory recovery, with the gap of six percentage points in May closing to two in June, support for the Tories dropped over the three months in almost every area, age group and social group. During the same quarter the Liberal Democrats increased their support in virtually all categories, doing particularly well among white collar workers, mortgage holders, and voters in the South. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, has a better net popularity rating than either John Major or Neil Kinnock.

Over the three months Mori measured party support at Labour 41 per cent, Conservatives 39 and Liberal Democrats 15. The Conservatives are down three points, the Liberal Democrats are up two and Labour is unmoved since the first quarter. At the last general election the figures were: Conservatives 43 per cent, Labour 32, and the then SDP/Liberal Alliance 23.

With a year to go before a general election must be called, the volatility of the electorate is demonstrated by the fact that a year ago, in the same quarter, Labour's support was 51 per cent, the Tories 34, and the Liberal Democrats eight. Since then there has been a swing of 7.5 percentage points from Labour to Conservatives. The present poll standings, repeated nationally at a general election on a uniform swing across the country, would result in a hung parliament in which Labour would hold 310 seats, the Conservatives 305, and the Liberal Democrats 12.

With 326 needed for a governing majority, that would mean that neither major party would be likely to be able to put together a coalition government.

Underlining the importance of economic performance in determining electoral fortunes, a year ago the economic optimism index stood at minus 24 per cent. That is, those believing that the economy would get worse over the next year outnumbered those who believed that it would get better by 24 percentage points. Now the same index has improved to minus 9. So a swing of 7.5 points in economic optimism has been paralleled by the swing towards the government in voting intention.

Government strategists remarking that parallel will note further lessons from the poll evidence. Among mortgage holders in the sample, support for the Conservatives dropped from 51 to 43 per cent over the latest quarter while Labour's support was virtually unchanged, from 35 to 36, and the Liberal Democrats increased from 11 to 17. That suggests that many traditional Conservatives are finding the Treasury too timorous in reducing interest rates and are switching to the Liberal Democrats.

In Greater London, which has most marginal seats in the country, Tory support dropped seven percentage points in the latest quarter (48-41). Labour moved up only one point, (39-40), and the Liberal Democrats put on six points (9-15). In the South-East, outside London, the Tories dropped two points (54-52), Labour dropped two (27-25) and the Liberal Democrats gained four (17-21). On that evidence Labour will have difficulty living up to Mr Kinnock's boast this week that his party would gain 25 seats in the area.

Another key area for marginal seats is the Midlands. In the east Midlands over the last quarter the Tories dropped five points (47-42), Labour dropped one (42-41) and the Liberal Democrats gained six (9-15). In the west Midlands the Tories dropped seven points (47-40), Labour gained one (43-44) and the Liberal Democrats gained six (8-14).

Comparing the present poll standings with the general election results in 1987, the biggest swings to Labour are shown among men (8.5 points) the 35-54 age group (eight points) and among C2 blue-collar workers (7.5 points). Overall, Labour needs a swing of 8 per cent to win power in its own right. The two demographic categories above are the only two in which it is achieving this target.

Mori interviewed 5,937 adults aged 18 plus face to face at home throughout Great Britain from April to June. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population.

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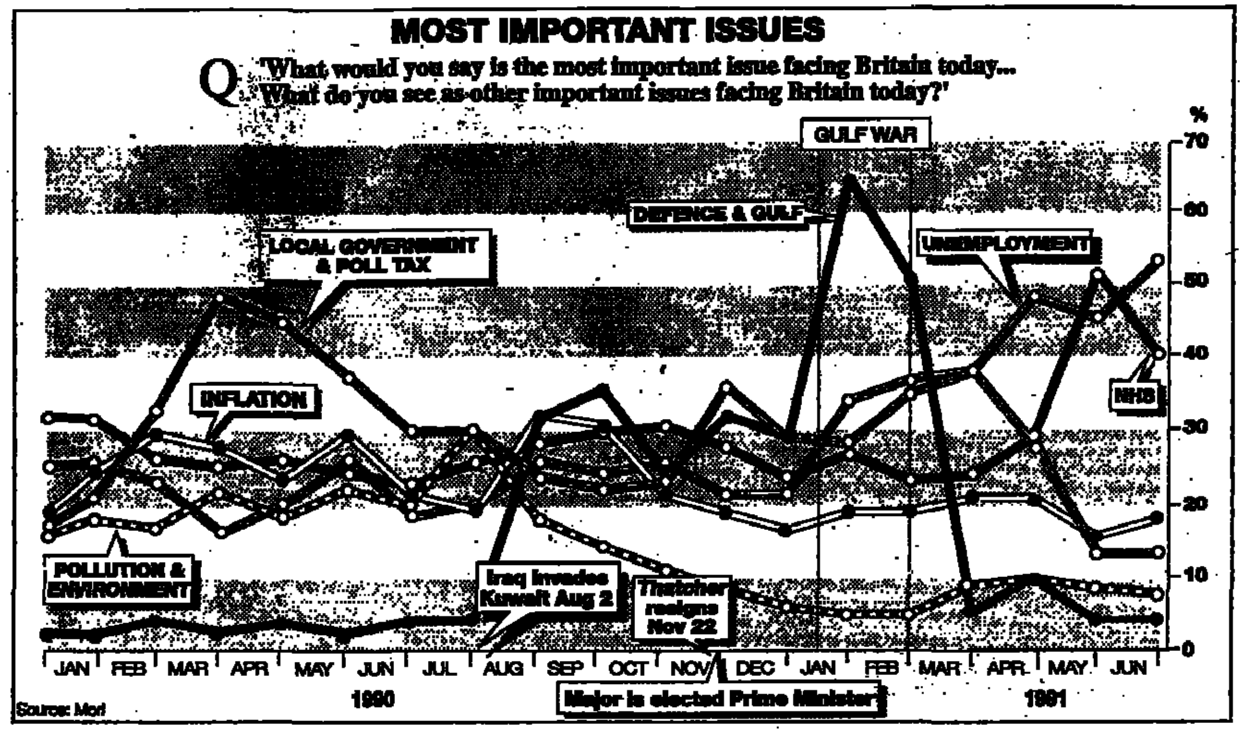


Source: Mori

Q: How would you vote if there was a general election tomorrow? If undecided or refused:
Q: Which party are you most inclined to support?

	Con %	Lab %	L/Dem %	Green %	Other %	C lead %
Apr 1991	42	40	15	1	2	+2
May 1991	37	43	16	2	2	-6
Jun 1991	39	41	15	1	4	-2

Q: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way . . .

- The government is running the country?
- Mr Major is doing his job as prime minister?
- Mr Kinnock is doing his job as leader of the Labour party?
- Mr Ashdown is doing his job as leader of the Democrats?

	Govt		Major		Kinnock		Ashdown	
	Sat %	Dis %	Sat %	Dis %	Sat %	Dis %	Sat %	Dis %
Apr 1991	32	58	59	26	38	49	49	25
May 1991	27	64	49	36	40	48	53	21
Jun 1991	27	66	50	34	39	47	49	24

Q: Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same, or get worse over the next 12 months?

	Improve %	Same %	Worse %	Net improve %
Apr 1991	38	23	33	+5
May 1991	36	21	37	-1
Jun 1991	31	23	40	-9

Percentage change in voting trends since first quarter of 1991

	1 Qtr	Now	Ch	1 Qtr	Now	Ch	1 Qtr	Now	Ch
	All (100%)			Men (48%)			Women (52%)		
C	42	39	-3	41	37	-4	43	41	-2
Lab	41	41	±0	42	43	+1	39	39	0
L/Dem	13	15	+2	12	15	+3	14	16	+2
C lead	+1	-2		-1	-6		+4	+2	
	ABC1 (42%)			C2 (27%)			DE (31%)		
C	55	52	-3	37	35	-2	29	26	-3
Lab	27	26	-1	46	46	0	55	57	+2
L/Dem	14	18	+4	13	14	+1	12	13	+1
C lead	+28	+26		-9	-11		-26	-31	
	18-24 (15%)			25-34 (19%)			35-54 (32%)		
C	37	34	-3	41	38	-3	44	40	-4
Lab	45	47	+2	43	44	+1	38	40	+2
L/Dem	9	11	+2	11	14	+3	13	16	+3
C lead	-8	-13		-2	+6		+6	0	
	55+ (34%)			TU (23%)			Non TU (77%)		
C	43	42	-1	32	29	-3	45	42	-3
Lab	40	39	-1	50	50	0	38	39	+1
L/Dem	15	17	+2	13	17	+4	13	15	+2
C lead	+3	+3		-18	-21		+7	+3	
	North (35%)			Midlands (25%)			South (40%)		
C	31	29	-2	45	41	-4	51	47	-4
Lab	52	53	+1	38	42	+4	30	31	+1
L/Dem	10	12	+2	14	14	0	16	19	+3
C lead	-21	-24		+7	-1		+21	+16	
	Owner Occ (64%)			Council Ten (24%)			Private Ten (6%)		
C	50	46	-4	21	20	-1	32	33	+1
Lab	33	34	+1	63	64	+1	42	44	+2
L/Dem	13	17	+4	11	11	0	15	16	+1
C lead	+17	+12		-42	-44		-10	-11	

Thatcher's fall helps party in Scotland

THE replacement of Margaret Thatcher by John Major has shown an enduring benefit for the Conservatives in Scotland, where the Tories lost 11 seats at the last election.

In October last year, when Mrs Thatcher was still leader, Tory support stood at 19 per cent, with 52 per cent for Labour and 19 per cent for the Scottish Nationalist Party.

In January this year the Conservatives were up to 25 per cent, with Labour on 48 and the SNP on 20 per cent. Since then the Tories have never dropped below 24 per cent, their standing in June.

In November, 80 per cent of Scots were dissatisfied with Mrs Thatcher as prime minister and 17 per cent satisfied. In December, weeks after moving in to No 10, 25 per cent were satisfied with Mr Major and 22 per cent dissatisfied. Currently, 44 per cent are satisfied and 42 per cent dissatisfied, a net rating of plus 2, compared with minus 63 for Mrs Thatcher just before her departure.

Support for the parties in Scotland at present is: Labour 51 per cent, Conservatives 24 per cent, SNP 16 per cent, Liberal Democrats 8 per cent, and Green party 1 per cent.

Ministers to resist electoral reform

By Robin Oakley

THE government will signal next week that it will resist the pressure for constitutional change and electoral reform.

Opinion poll standings indicate the likelihood of a hung parliament. The Conservatives need to win back support from middle ground voters who have defected to the Liberal Democrats over the past three months. Labour has been public flirting with the subject of electoral reform and promises a charter of citizens' rights, including reform of the House of Lords.

Chris Patten, the party chairman, will launch a Conservative Political Centre pamphlet by John Patten, the Home Office minister, which rejects the idea of a bill of rights and is against proportional representation. The pamphlet was outlined yesterday when John Patten gave the Swinton lecture to the CPC summer school in Cambridge in the first serious intervention in the constitutional debate by a Conservative minister since before Mrs Thatcher came to power.

Rejecting the call from Charter 88 and others for a Bill of Rights or a written constitution, Mr Patten said such documents were meaningless unless they existed in countries with the political culture to support them. The Soviet Union's constitution, for example, had a provision allowing republics the right to secede. "The protector of freedom in the end is the political culture, not some document, however weighty."

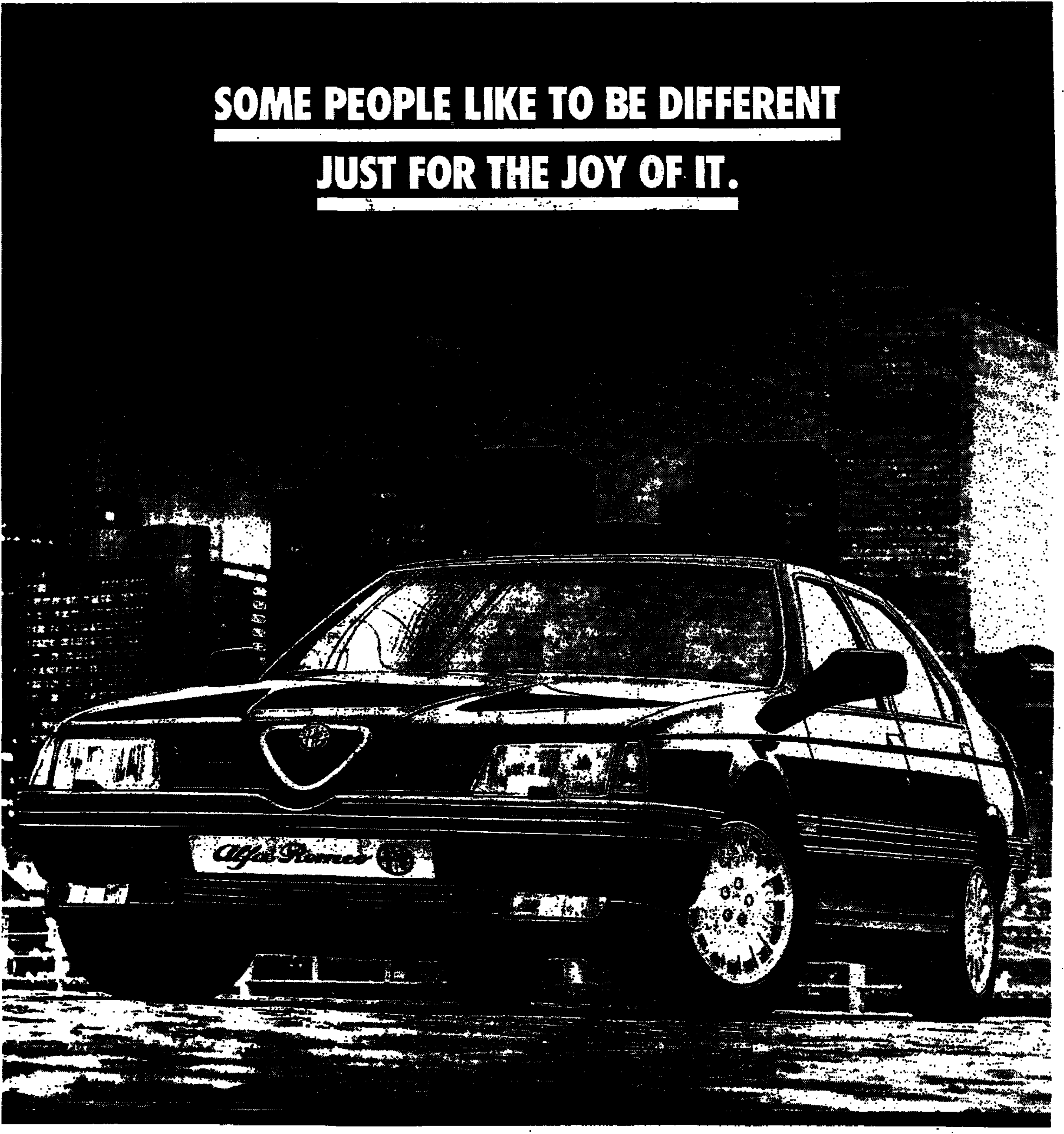
Some provisions in time-bound constitutions were harmful. The right to bear arms enshrined in the United States' constitution resulted in the shooting of innocent citizens.

The remedy for ills in society, said Mr Patten, was targeted reform, not wholesale change, specific items of legislation, not cumbersome constitutional turmoil. The effectiveness of pressure groups in safeguarding minority interests, the freedom-conscious nature of the British population and a penetrative media ensured that rights were defended.

Britain had struck a balance between effectiveness, the capacity of government to govern, and consent — maintenance of popular support for the political system. "There is no evidence that introducing another bill of rights to this country would offer significant protection to citizens."

Proportional representation was a slide into factionalism, impotence and directionless compromise.

● A report of an official enquiry by Labour's working group on electoral reform, chaired by Raymond Plant, professor of politics at Southampton university, will this week leave the way open for Labour to commit itself one day to a form of PR for the Commons.



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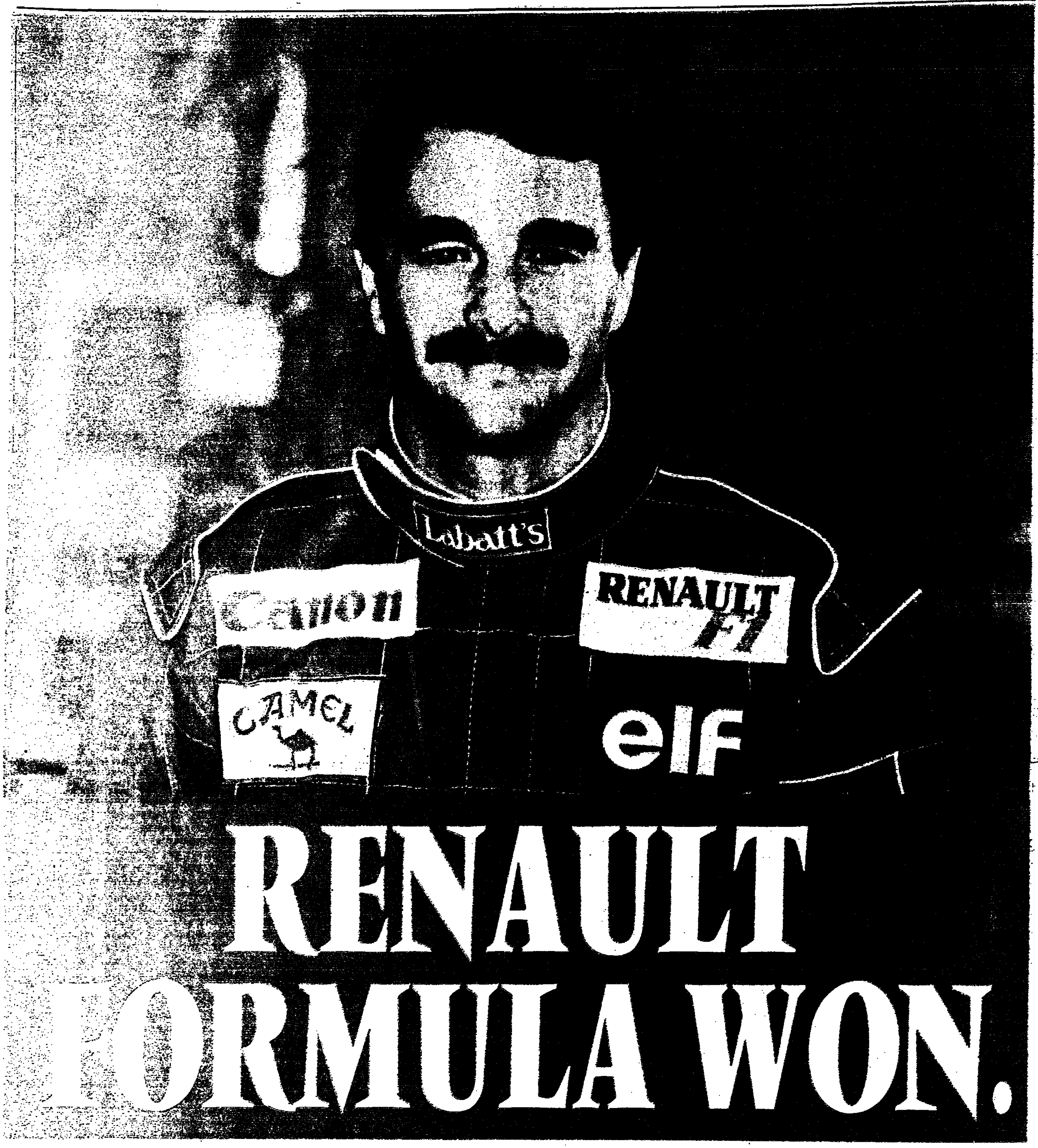

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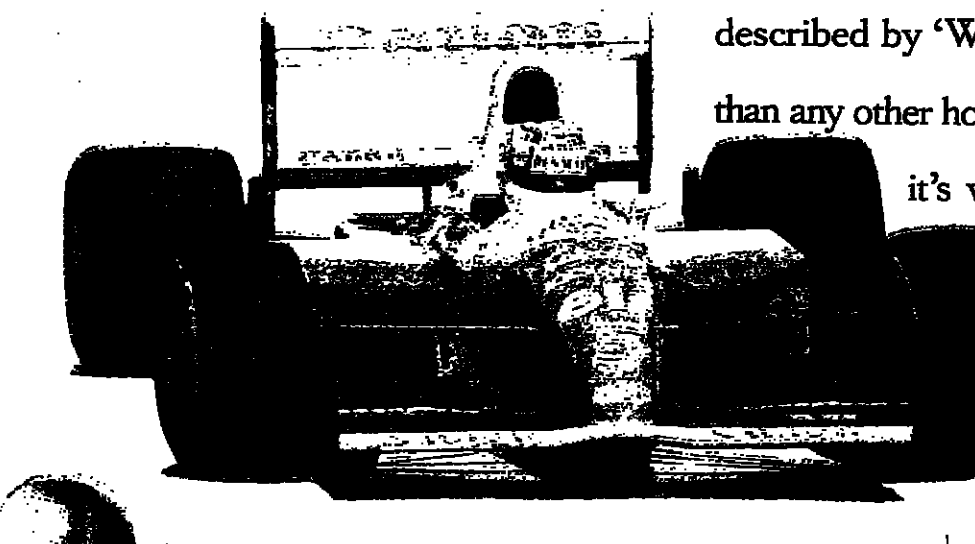

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Rhetoric and murder bring republics to brink of conflict

The Zagreb-Belgrade propaganda battle has put Serbs and Croats psychologically on to a war footing, Roger Boyes reports

Tudjman: subtle pressure on Croatian journalists

Milosevic: urged Serbs to defend themselves

IS CROATIA on the cusp of war? If one were to believe the angry rhetoric traded between Croatia and Serbia, there could be no doubt: the army, having stumbled in Slovenia, is gearing up for the second rebel republic.

The new Croatian defence minister, Sime Djodan, said quite bluntly: "There are 70,000 Yugoslav army soldiers on our territory now, each one a potential enemy." The Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, meanwhile, has called on Serbs everywhere to defend themselves.

On Croatia's eastern border, dozens of Serbian nationalists are crossing at night to reinforce and stir up the Serbian enclaves. They cross the Danube on rubber dinghies, bringing crates of automatic guns and even mortars. The next day, there is invariably a gunfight, or a mutilated corpse is found floating downstream.

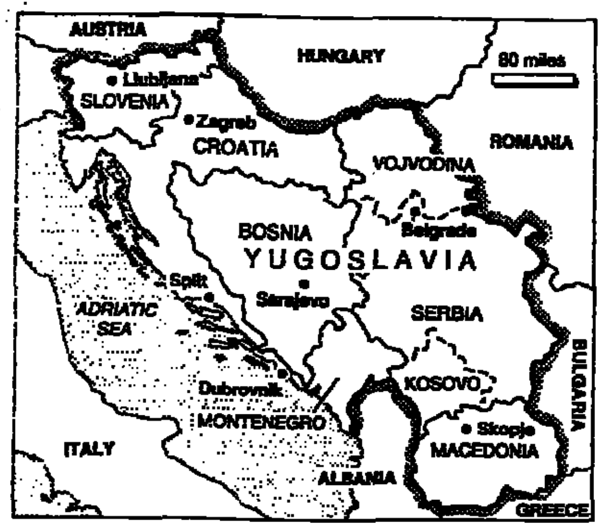
Dozens of people — not hundreds as the Croatian media frequently claim — have been killed in small communities like Borovo Sela, which has become a kind of Balkan Palermo. Pakrac, closer to Zagreb, is more Belfast than Palermo. Since the Serbs formed a national council there and voted to join other Serbian enclaves in declaring autonomy from Croatia, the usually sleepy town has been crackling with tension.

Local Croatian policemen were disarmed by the Serbs, prompting the despatch of crack Croatian units, and then the entry of the army to protect the Serbs. Now the army is everywhere, part of the 70,000 force so feared by Mr Djodan.

For centuries the Serbs and Croats have fought. In recent years the sheer number of the killings has numbed the political impact, just as it has in Palermo or Belfast. It may be that the Serbian leadership is trying to destabilise Croatia by fomenting trouble, or that the Croats are trying to drive the Serbs back to Serbia. But murder is just murder.

The nature of the violence has changed subtly over the past week. First, Croatia, like Slovenia, has declared independence which brings the infiltration of Serbian nationalists dangerously close to a warlike act. Second, the tank columns that left Belgrade, apparently heading for Slovenia, are actually in or close to Croatia. Their stationing on the fringes of the Serbian enclaves marks out in effect the contours of a "Greater Serbia", the messianic dream of many in Belgrade.

Finally, the doubts about political control over the army creates great nervousness in Croatia. The most powerful grouping within the high command is a clique of some 15 generals who are Serbs from Croatia. Many of them had relatives killed by Croatian extremists in the second world war and, while they might accept the independence of Slovenia, they are bitterly opposed to Croatian independence.



The "Greater Serbia" proponents in the army and the Belgrade political establishment have come round to the idea that Slovene independence is not such a bad thing. It marks the official end to Yugoslavia and opens the way for an alternative configuration, including a Serbia that would gather together the Serbs of Vojvodina and Kosovo provinces, the Serbs in Krajina, in eastern Slavonia, as well as the Serbs of Bosnia. This vision entails the dismemberment of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina and cannot be realised without bloodshed.

Little wonder, then, that the Croats are on edge. The 40,000 or so members of their territorial defence force are on alert but they cannot hope to defend their republic in the way that Slovenia has fought.

Chunks of the republic have been effectively militarised, with convoys of Yugoslavia's army lorries criss-crossing the countryside. As a result, the cycle of violence has been shortened and intensified. Six months ago a typical icident would span ten days: Serb shoots at Croat (or Croat bullies Serb and Serb shoots back). Croatian police are called out, guns blaze, a Serbian shop is set on fire. At a critical point half a dozen Serbian journalists arrive and report, usually with great hyperbole, a massacre of ethnic Serbs. The army is called in and, though the shooting stops, Croats complain they are being occupied by the Serbian-dominated Yugoslav forces.

This cycle has repeated itself again and again. Now, the army arrives and is in position much faster, giving de facto immunity to any Serb gunman and making a nonsense of the judicial process.

The propaganda battle between Zagreb and Belgrade creates an almost constant war psychosis. Last weekend, Croatian radio reported 83 dead and wounded in one night of fighting in Borovo Sela. It took us a hard, dusty five-hour drive to this scarred township to find out that perhaps one or two people had been killed. The Serbs, said a local policeman, had taken their dead and injured back into Serbia and so they had to guess the total number of casualties.

Neither the Croatian, nor the Serbian, press is entirely free, though there are honourable pockets of critical journalism. There is no formal censorship but Zagreb journalists are typically paid a small monthly stipend and depend on merit payments for articles published. A journalist is free to criticise the Croatian president, Franjo Tudjman, or question the official line, but the article is likely to be shelved by the editor, and the crucial merit payment will not arise.

It is easy for the propaganda machine of both sides since psychologically so many Serbs and Croats are already on a war footing.

Croat leader sees talks as last chance for peace

From Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade

AS THE three European Community ministers met Yugoslav and Slovene officials on the island of Brioni at the weekend and fighting escalated between Serbs and Croats, Slobodan Milosevic, the hardline Serbian leader, warned Serbs to "prepare for war".

He also said, however, that the Yugoslav conflict could still be resolved within "a new framework". Dr Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, said that the talks with the EC foreign ministers were Yugoslavia's last chance for peace.

The Soviet Union, which has not taken sides in the conflict, has now decided to try to resolve the situation. President Gorbachev has sent a special envoy to Belgrade to tell the Yugoslav leaders that the Soviet Union opposes the "internationalisation" of the conflict.

Ethnic clashes broke out between armed Serbian nationalists and Croatia's national guard and police in Tenja, a village on the outskirts of Osijek, the capital of Slavonia, on Saturday night. The fighting continued until the federal army moved in at noon yesterday.

Croatian leaders accused Serbia of smuggling weapons and armed men across the border to provoke wider conflict, so that Serbia could annex the region with the help of the Yugoslav army. They said that Serbia stepped up its war preparations after General Blagoje Adzic, of the federal army, appeared on television a week ago and told viewers that Yugoslavia was at war and the army would fight to the end.

General Adzic has the reputation of being a hardliner and close to Mr Milosevic. In a speech to the nation, Mr Milosevic told Serbs that they must be prepared for a war that could be more serious than the one in Slovenia. He assured them that Serbia's defence units were ready and outnumbered the national armies in Croatia and Slovenia.

He also said that Yugoslavia could be saved if a new framework was created, based on "the will of people and respect of their rights to self-determination". He said that those who did not wish to stay in the country, and who saw the Yugoslav army as an occupation force, should take charge of their own security and defence. The remark seemed to imply that the Serbian leader would be willing to see the Yugoslav army withdraw from Slovenia.

Mr Milosevic said the Yugoslav army should remain on the territories populated by nations which want to live in Yugoslavia together and in peace, a suggestion Croatian officials interpreted as an invitation to the Yugoslav army to take over those regions in Croatia populated by the Serbs. The Serbian president has been trying to get the Slovene issue out of the way for a long time so that the Serb-Croat dispute can be dealt with directly.

The Serbs claim to have more than 3,000 men ready to fight against 15,000 Croat police that they say are about to launch an attack in Borovo Selo, where armed Serbs civilians ambushed and killed 12 Croatian policeman in May. The village is surrounded by police and sporadic firing has been reported.

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EC warns Belgrade over army

From Reuter in Bonn

Bonn — The European Community will review its decision not to recognise Yugoslavia's breakaway republics if Belgrade's army intervenes against them again, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, said yesterday.

In a commentary for the *Welt am Sonntag* newspaper, Herr Genscher wrote that Europe's role in the conflict was to ensure that Yugoslavia's future was decided through peaceful negotiations. "If force is used again, the EC will review its position," he said.

"Should the Yugoslav army intervene again … then we must consider recognising unilateral acts taken by individual republics," he said, referring to the declarations of independence issued by the republics of Slovenia and Croatia last month.

Herr Genscher failed to persuade his EC counterparts on Friday to include a threat to recognise the rebel republics in their final communiqué. "If I had had my way, it would have been there in writing," he said after the meeting in The Hague.

European states had to ensure that Yugoslavia's rival republics were able to work out their differences in peace, the German foreign minister wrote. "How this is to happen is their problem," he said. "But the community of states must ensure that this happens freely." *(Reuter)*

Rallying cry: Nevenka Cresnar, the deputy minister for energy in the Slovene government, addressing a rally in Trafalgar Square yesterday in support of Slovene independence. The organisers of the demonstration did not know Miss Cresnar was on a three-day visit to London until she was taken to the meeting by *The Times*. Miss Cresnar spoke briefly and sent her government's best wishes. Diary, page 14

Slovenes capture strategic Yugoslav munitions dump

From Tim Judah in Zaloska Gorica

SLOVENIA'S greatest war trophy lies in a wooded area 39 miles northeast of Ljubljana. One of the Yugoslav army's main munitions dumps fell to Slovene forces two days after fighting began, and by Saturday it had been all but emptied.

The radios of the Slovene soldiers guarding the gate crackled as two lorries rumbled out of the dump. One was tightly sealed; the other carried an armed guard. "This is it," said Lieutenant Bostjan, Zaloska Gorica's 28-year-old second-in-command, who would only give his first name. "We have taken out 150 truckloads and this is the last one."

Zaloska Gorica was one of up to 14 such dumps in Slovenia. According to Milan Lampret, the Slovene government's chief munitions expert, it contained rockets, light ammunition, artillery, tank shells and rocket-propelled grenades that are being taken to Slovene units. He said that most of the other dumps remained in the hands of Yugoslav federal forces.

The dump was built before the first world war by the Austrians. It was used by the Germans in the second world war and then by the Yugoslav army. Stocks were laid in over the past 45 years as the military made preparations for invasions from Nato or the Warsaw Pact.

The Slovene forces moved quickly and decisively to capture the site and cut off electricity and communications. Lieutenant Bostjan said that the dump was surrounded and after some negotiations the 28 Yugoslav soldiers and their officers surrendered.

Jansa: sees equipment as bargaining counter

Lieutenant Bostjan confirmed that plans to capture Zaloska Gorica had been drawn up some time before hostilities started. "Every country has its intelligence services, and we also had information from conscientious Slovenes in the army who gave a wink that something was afoot."

Over the past week Janez Jansa, the Slovene defence minister, has consistently talked of returning Yugoslav military equipment only in the context of "war reparations". The Slovenes have also declared that the war has cost them $2.7 billion, a figure suspiciously similar to that which is being discussed as the amount that the Slovenes owe as their share of Yugoslavia's total debt.

Film pirates sink Soviet festival

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

ONCE Moscow aspired to stand alongside Cannes and Berlin as an internationally recognised film festival. This year the Soviet film industry's showcase is almost bare — and the biggest Western film-makers are staying away.

The Soviet film industry has been forced into the marketplace and found wanting. Cinemas prefer to show cheap foreign productions which pay their way rather than expensively made Soviet films for which audiences are sparse. But Russians are able to watch recent foreign films for free, thanks not only to piracy, but also to Soviet state television's disregard of international copyright arrangements — hence an American boycott of the film festival which opens today.

A few weeks ago, late-night television viewers in Moscow were able to see choice clips from *A Fish Called Wanda*, ostensibly shown as part of a film review programme. But there were no critics and the "clips" amounted to pretty much the whole film. It was not the only Western film to have been introduced to Soviet audiences by this unorthodox route. Latest American releases can also be viewed within weeks at video clubs in most Soviet cities. Cassettes are brought into the country, then reproduced and hired by private individuals and video club managers who pay no copyright fee.

Although the two American entries in the Moscow film festival's competition are unaffected, the boycott means the broader programme of American films has been cancelled. The Soviet political establishment appears affronted.

Asked by Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America to convey US objections and see what could be done, the Soviet foreign ministry in the person of deputy minister Vladimir Petrovsky, sent (and made public) its official reply. It acknowledged the validity of American complaints, admitted that the Soviet video world was out of control, but described the threatened boycott as "hardly justified".

Soviet film-makers are less distressed by the boycott than their foreign ministry seems to be. They have shed a few tears, along with the vastly overstaffed Soviet film establishment, about the free tickets they will not have and the films they will not see, but they believe that their interest lies in the Soviet Union becoming a fully paid-up member of the film world.

Cyprus hostage soldier stays put

Nicosia — A British soldier surrounded by troops at an army barracks in the British sovereign base of Dhekelia in Cyprus refused to give himself up last night, more than two days after three other soldiers he had seized at gunpoint escaped unhurt (Michael Theodoulou writes).

The soldier, armed with an assault rifle and several rounds of ammunition, was holding out for a fourth night as there were reports that his parents had been flown from England to help persuade him to give himself up.

British military spokesmen would not disclose the name, rank or unit of the soldier, and they refused to comment on local press reports that the three other soldiers he had seized were women, one of them his former girlfriend. The hostages escaped after several shots were heard from within the barracks.

Migrant action

Bucharest — Romania said it would support a German plan aimed at stemming the flow of Romanian immigrants and repatriating those already in Germany. Training centres will be set up in Romania, which will provide land and buildings, while Germany will buy the equipment. *(AFP)*

Fishing controls

Brussels — John Gummer, the agriculture and fisheries minister, and his EC counterparts are likely to approve today a tracking system for trawlers fishing in international waters in the North Atlantic. The tracking system is just one measure being discussed to bring under control the EC's bloated fishing fleet.

Raid on mafia

Naples — Police arrested 12 alleged mafia leaders for drug trafficking and other offences in a swoop on organised crime here, police announced. Two hundred policemen were involved in the raid on several clans of the Camorra, as the Neapolitan Mafia is known, in the Spanish quarter. *(AFP)*

Speed challenge

Rome — The Aga Khan has bought a 200ft-long, hi-tech ship with engines of more than 50,000 horsepower. His plan, scheduled for 1993, is to take the Blue Riband away from the Hoverspeed, which set a new record for the fastest North Atlantic crossing last year.

Hoxha luxury

Tirana — Enver Hoxha, Albania's former stalinist dictator, lived in a house with 25 refrigerators, 28 colour televisions and 19 telephone lines, the newspaper *Zeri i Popullit* reported. It published an article contradicting a letter from Hoxha's widow Nexhmije which said the family had lived a simple life. *(Reuter)*

Street-level capitalism flounders in Budapest

The small corner greengrocery on Budapest's Kisfaludy Street is typical of most shops which fell to ruin under communism. Its peeling paint, dusty floor and meagre offerings of cabbage and peppers are ample evidence that under the old regime the customer was never king and profit rarely given a thought.

That will change now that Mrs Tibor Papp is the boss and the shop a private enterprise. "First I'll clean it up, make it more elegant, and bring in better merchandise to win the confidence of the people," she said with some determination, shortly after placing the winning bid of £15,000 for the seedy hole-in-the-wall at a state-sponsored auction.

The government hoped that the sell-off of some 10,000 shops would unleash a wave of enthusiastic entrepreneurs like Mrs Papp who would enliven the run-down retail sector and make high street shopping a showcase for successful street-level capitalism.

But for all its good intentions, the scheme is floundering. Officials at the agency which oversees privatisation admit that only half of the 500 shops offered for sale this year have found buyers. Mrs Papp was the only bidder for hers.

The legacy of state ownership and central planning means high prices for properties, costly credit, and endless squabbles between the state and local councils over who owns what. Many would-be proprietors find that the dream of being a shopkeeper in Hungary's new market economy can quickly become a nightmare of fending bureaucrats.

Mrs Papp scraped together money from private savings, government credit, and a bank loan at 30 per cent interest. Add to that raging inflation, exorbitant taxes and higher wages for her staff, and it's easy to see why she is nervous about surviving her first year as a real businesswoman.

Murky laws on property rights increase the confusion. Mrs Papp does not really own her shop but leases it from the council, which can raise the rent at any time or even reclaim the property after ten years. The authorities can force food shops and book shops to sell only those items.

The auctions are not inspiring. This one was held in the drab former canteen of the state food company which is grudgingly giving up its assets. None of the handful of spectators jumped when a grimy, closed-down butcher's shop in a derelict part of Budapest was offered.

Defenders of the plan say a swift privatisation would be as economically disastrous as the "overnight nationalisation" carried out by the communists, and that shops in good neighbourhoods do sell quickly.

While the economists argue, Mrs Papp talks of new lighting, longer hours, and weeding out surly employees. What she has going for her is an intuitive business savvy. After plonking down her money, she ran the gauntlet of sleazy insurance agents and a pushy cash-register salesman eager to strike a deal. But she was speaking to a foreign journalist only because, as she put it, "the publicity will be good for my new shop's image."

Ernest Beck

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Plea by Bush for Start progress

From SUSAN ELLICOTT
IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush expects a response in coming days to an unusual message he sent to President Gorbachev, prodding the Soviet Union to relax its position in stalling talks on a treaty to reduce long-range nuclear arms.

In a move that *suggested* Mr Bush was keener to hold a superpower summit this summer than he had previously suggested, the president ordered his ambassador in Moscow, Jack Matlock, to tell Mr Gorbachev in person that Washington wants the Soviet negotiating team to get moving on a weapons accord. It also reflected dismay among senior White House staff that US negotiators reported scant progress after meetings with lower-level Soviet officials in Geneva last week.

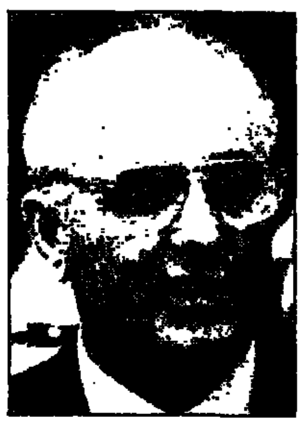
Mr Bush has made clear that he is unwilling to hold a summit without having at least an agreement in principle on strategic arms reduction (Start).

The president is also anxious to avoid emerging from a two-hour lunch meeting with Mr Gorbachev in London later this month without any visible movement on arms talks.

Officials said Mr Bush was prepared to let James Baker, the US secretary of state, meet Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the Soviet foreign minister, in Washington as early as this week if such a meeting would move the process along.

Kohl seeks West's aid to support Soviet reformers

From IAN MURRAY
IN BONN



Gorbachev: coached by the German chancellor

THIS week Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, will be busy lobbying leaders of the Group of Seven most industrialised democracies on behalf of President Gorbachev.

After meeting the Soviet leader in Kiev on Friday, the chancellor promised maximum support at the G7 summit in London next week. Before that he means to soften up the other six nations. By the opening of the summit, the *chancellor hopes to have* won agreement to immediate associated status in the International Monetary Fund for the Soviet Union, leading to full membership within about a year. Herr Kohl will argue that by seeking credits while inside the IMF, the Soviet Union will have to introduce real economic reforms.

In an interview with *Welt am Sonntag*, the chancellor said: "It would just be foolish for Western states to lean back and watch how things develop in the Soviet Union ... We – not just the Germans, but all Western states – must help *the reformers.*"

Germany, hard up because of the cost of removing communism from east Germany, cannot on its own afford the far more expensive task of bailing out the Soviet economy. Bonn's view is that aid must be co-ordinated by the IMF and the Group of 24 developed countries. The chancellor will argue in London that support for "Misha", as he calls the Soviet leader, "will not only benefit the Soviet Union, but the reforming states of Eastern *and Central Europe as well.*"

Aware that Britain and America think that providing more cash for the Soviet Union will be throwing good money after bad, the chancellor "coached" Mr Gorbachev in how to plead his case when he addresses the seven after the summit. The Soviet leader has been told that he must be ready to explain in detail his reform plans and to describe frankly the progress on the new union treaty redefining the relationship between the Kremlin and the Soviet republics. Mr Gorbachev told the chancellor he would also list the specific projects for which he is seeking private capital. They include plans to increase oil and gas production and modernise nuclear power plants.

In his special pleading for the Soviet cause, the chancellor *will warn it would* be dangerous to send Mr Gorbachev away empty-handed. Germany believes that since the Soviet leader is already unpopular at home he would be further undermined if he was seen not convince his Western friends to give him substantive aid. There are fears in Bonn that without Mr Gorbachev to hold the Soviet Union together, the country could collapse into anarchy, endangering peace and stability throughout Europe.

● **Moscow:** Less than two weeks before a crucial meeting of the Soviet Communist party's central committee, the position of Ivan Polozkov, leader of the hardline Russian Communist party, is under threat (Mary Dejevsky writes).

Mr Polozkov has come under open attack from both reformists and conservatives. The reformists claim that he is *not representative of Russian* communists, citing the dismal performance of orthodox communists in the Russian presidential election. The conservatives argue that Mr Polozkov has been soft on President Gorbachev, especially now that he has renewed his alliance with Boris Yeltsin.

Doggy bags: Kenzo's 1992 spring ready-to-wear collection goes on show in Paris

Soldiers hold 60 in Sidon swoop

Sidon – Lebanese troops raided Sidon's Old Quarter bazaar and arrested about 60 people wanted for burglaries, smuggling or drug dealing. They included Lebanese, Palestinians, Syrians and Egyptians. One man was shot and wounded by soldiers as he tried to flee, police said.

For a second day, Palestine Liberation Organisation fighters handed over anti-aircraft guns, multi-barreled rocket launchers and heavy machineguns to the army. The PLO agreed on Thursday to surrender the weapons as part of an agreement to end four days of fighting and let the army deploy in and around Sidon.

The army is storing the weapons in Sidon until the PLO decides if it wants to ship the weapons out of Lebanon or store them elsewhere in the country. The deployment at Sidon, 25 miles south of Beirut, was the latest step in the government's efforts to restore sovereignty over all of Lebanon and end 16 years of sectarian strife. Earlier this year, militias in and around Beirut were disarmed. *(AP)*

Talks delayed

Kuwait – Kuwait and its Arab allies have postponed for a few days troubled talks on a joint force to protect the emirate from Iraq. The eight foreign ministers were due to meet tomorrow to discuss the plans. The countries are still at odds over the size, cost and composition of the Arab force. *(Reuter)*

Iraq executions

Manama – Eighteen Iraqi army generals and senior officers were executed last month for plotting to overthrow President Saddam Hussein, United Nations sources said here. They said that the officers were hanged rather than shot by a firing squad. *(AFP)*

UN nominee

Cairo – Egypt nominated Butros Ghali, a veteran diplomat and a prominent architect of the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, for the post of secretary-general of the United Nations when Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the present secretary general's second five-year-term ends on December 31. *(AP)*

Algerian hope

Algiers – The Algerian defence minister, Khaled Nezzar, said in a television announcement that the state of siege would be lifted early if calm returned to Algeria. The state of siege was declared on June 5 after a strike called by the Islamic Salvation Front turned into violent street demonstrations. *(Reuter)*

Final round

Baghdad – The current round of Kurdish autonomy talks with Baghdad will be the last and will lead to an agreement, Massoud Barzani, the Kurdish Democratic Party leader, was quoted by the ruling Baath party's newspaper *al-Thawra* as saying after talks in the Kurdish administrative capital of Irbil. *(Reuter)*

Richter visit

London – Ian Richter, the British businessman serving a life sentence in an Iraqi jail for alleged bribery, will see his wife today for the first time in a year. Shirley Richter left Amman yesterday in a British embassy car for the border post of Treibeel where a Soviet embassy car took her on to Baghdad.

It's game, set and headline victory

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERMANY's sundrenched motorways were all but deserted yesterday afternoon as millions stayed home to watch their countrymen battle for the men's singles title at *Wimbledon. With Steffi Graf* already enthroned as queen of the All England championships, the newly united nation enjoyed a day of triumph as Michael Stich beat Boris Becker. Stich also won the honour of escorting Graf to the Wimbledon ball.

In peaceloving, modern Germany a headline like "Gotcha!" would sell no papers. But the mass circulation daily paper *Bild am Sonntag* yesterday felt able to run a banner headling reading *Spiel, Satz, Sieg Deutschland,* (game, set, victory Germany).

The prospect of German world domination has worried *Spiegel*, the news magazine, which sought reassurance in its issue today from Sir Peter Ustinov. The magazine asked: "What with winning the world soccer championship, unification, Steffi Graf and Boris Becker, shouldn't the world gradually start to feel *angst* again about the Germans?"

Sir Peter was reassuring. *Germany's behaviour in the* Gulf war showed that the country was not likely to lose its head, he said, adding prophetically – in the light of the way in which the final began – that the Germans were as full of self-doubt as Becker.

But *Bild* had no doubt about the scale of the German tennis *Sieg*. "Since yesterday, the sacred turf in the cathedral of the tennis Mecca has been black, red, gold." (The colours of the German flag). *Bild* says the centre court is black like the stripes on Stich's shirt, red like the blood on Becker's shoe and gold like Graf's hair.

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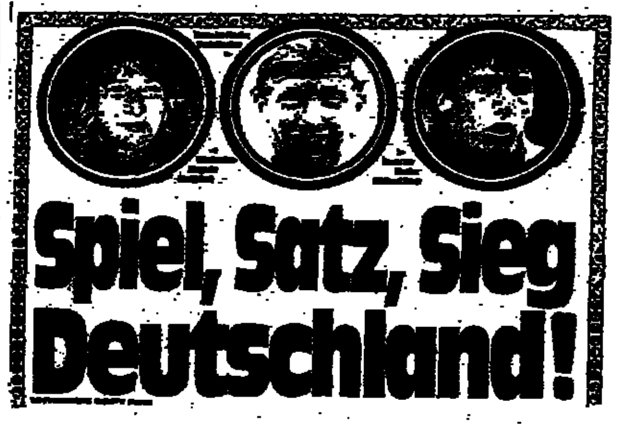

Spiel, Satz, Sieg Deutschland!

Germany holds court: The *Bild am Sonntag* headline on the finals is game, set, victory Germany

Republican spirit stirs

> The argument over whether Australia should become a republic has split the nation, **Robert Cockburn** writes

THE Australian Republican Movement yesterday launched a campaign to convince Australians to cut constitutional ties with Britain – notably to end the Queen's "relevant" role as Head of State – and to declare the Republic of Australia on January 1, 2001.

The movement is led by Thomas Keneally, Australia's acclaimed novelist, and other prominent writers, artists, lawyers and politicians. Mr Keneally called Australia a "stunted nation" and referred to Australians as "intolerable wimps" in his attempt to break the natural stoicism that has influenced previous attempts to stir up the republican debate.

Mr Keneally said: "I think it would be foolish if we left the Commonwealth, but I think there are many benefits to be gained from Australia being a republic."

Last month the ruling Labor party's centenary conference moved to hold a referendum on independence. Bob Hawke, the prime minister, had said a republic of Australia is "now inevitable". However, Mr Keneally yesterday attacked Labour for turning the initiative into a party political issue.

Prominent Australians are taking sides, giving life to the debate in the Sunday papers. Malcolm Fraser, the former Liberal prime minister who opposes any move to cut royal links, said: "The whole question of talking about a republic will divide the country. Whatever changes are made, no Australian family will be any better off as a result, and I don't think most Australians worry about the issue."

However, *the Queen's* popularity in Australia is likened increasingly to the following of a faraway television soap opera. The royal family is already irrelevant for many people, especially new migrants from non-English-speaking countries, who *may not* discover they are about to become subjects of a Queen until they are given the translation of the oath of allegiance.

Sir James Killen, the veteran Liberal politician, said: "The British Crown is very much part of the political, parliamentary and judicial life of this country." The Australian flag still carries the Union Jack in the corner of its Southern Cross emblem. However, since the end of world war two Australia has turned more to the United States as a military and political ally and for "cultural influences".

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ANC leaders get mandate to pursue Pretoria talks

From Gavin Bell in Durban

THE African National Congress has given its new leadership a provisional mandate to resume negotiations with the government, with a view to a speedy transfer of power in post-apartheid elections.

Emerging from a five-day national conference in militant mood, delegates called for demonstrations to back their demands for an elected constituent assembly and an interim government. A key resolution noted that several issues still had to be resolved, such as township violence, the release of political prisoners, and the repatriation of exiles. However, the conference called for an all-party congress as a prelude to constitutional negotiations, once these obstacles had been removed.

Nelson Mandela, elected unopposed as ANC president, said the organisation was resolved to enter negotiations with Pretoria as an equal partner. In a closing address yesterday, he said: " We have reaffirmed the premise that negotiation is a terrain of struggle leading to our central objective, the transfer of power to the people." He said there remained a vast difference between the perceptions of the ANC and the ruling National party of a post-apartheid society, and that it was unacceptable for Pretoria to be the sole manager of the transition period. It was therefore important to create a constituent assembly as soon as possible.

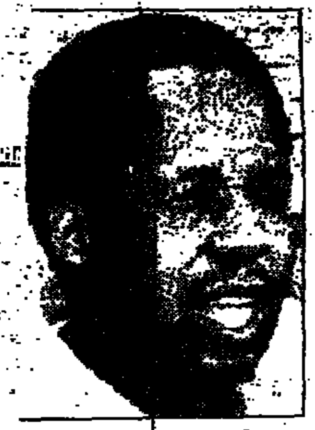
Mr Mandela appeared more flexible on the issue of an interim government, saying any arrangement would have to be "broadly acceptable". Similar sentiments were expressed by Chris Hani, the chief of staff of the ANC armed wing. Mr Hani told reporters: "We want to discuss an interim government with other parties and something else, not exactly what is envisaged by the ANC, might emerge." He also qualified a resolution to form civilian self-defence units in the townships, saying: "We need to ensure there are good command and control structures, to prevent them from degenerating into vigilantes and lynch mobs ." Mr Mandela was equivocal on sanctions, insisting they should be maintained for the time being, but implicitly recognising that a phased withdrawal was inevitable. "Unless there is a great deal of flexibility and imagination, we will be left holding a shell and nothing else," he said.

Criticism of the "old guard" leadership was a prominent theme at the conference. Alfred Nzo, the outgoing general secretary, said there had been complacency, lack of leadership, no strategic approach to mass campaigns, and poor relations with community associations. Mr Mandela acknowledged criticism that there had been inadequate consultation with members, and no effective communication with minority groups — whites, Indians and Coloureds. Mr Mandela will be assisted by a younger and more representative executive committee, following elections which were conducted in a new-found democratic spirit. Almost half of the ageing leadership was replaced, and the result is a judicious blend of "old guard" exiles, former political prisoners, and younger activists. There are now more women, whites and Indians on the enlarged 90-member committee.

Mr Hani gained the highest number of votes for the 50 elected seats. He was closely followed by Thabo Mbeki, the director of foreign affairs. Winnie Mandela came 26th, the fourth most popular woman, despite controversy over her recent conviction on criminal charges.

An abiding concern is the ANC's relationship with the Communist party, particularly among union activists who mistrust its secrecy and influence. Known party members retained about half of the executive posts.

● **British call:** Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, will appeal this week for an early start to constitutional talks in South Africa (Michael Evans writes). Mr Hurd, who is due to arrive at Johannesburg this morning on a two-day visit, will be seeing both President de Klerk and Mr Mandela.



Hani: want discussions with other parties

Rallying support: Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie, waving to the crowd at a rally held to mark the end of the ANC conference in Durban

Johan Jansson, right, and Jan-Ole Loman savouring their freedom on the aircraft taking them from Srinagar

Kashmir kidnapping victims escape

Stockholm — Two Swedish engineers kidnapped three months ago by Muslim separatists in India returned home yesterday, a day after escaping from their captors.

Johan Jansson and Jan-Ole Loman said at Arlanda airport that they fled after the Kashmiri militants reported Mr Loman was injured during a gun battle with Indian security forces. "The atmosphere turned tense after this. The incident was like signing your own death certificate," Mr Loman said.

Mr Loman, aged 38, and Johan Jansson, aged 40, were kidnapped on March 31 while working on a hydroelectric project near Srinagar. They were held by the Muslim Martyrs Force, one of several guerrilla groups fighting for independence for the Muslim-dominated region from predominantly Hindu India.

A senior Swedish government official announced on Saturday that diplomatic efforts had won the release of the two engineers. But the pair said they were unaware of a diplomatic breakthrough. They said they escaped by jumping out of a window as their guards slept and walked 15 miles to a police station. "I did not think we would be able to come out (of) this alive," Mr Loman told reporters on Saturday in Delhi.

The men said they had been treated well by their captors, but were shifted to at least 45 hideouts. "The food given was very good but we are not used to such kind of food." Mr Loman said, referring to the spicy meat and rice they were fed. *(AP)*

Tokyo tycoon tops list of rich

New York — A Japanese property tycoon said to be worth about $15 billion (£9.3 billion) has edged out a compatriot for the title of the world's richest person, the American business magazine *Forbes* reports.

But America still home to more billionaires than any other country, according to the magazine. It can boast 64 billionaires with a total net worth of $207 billion. Japan ranks second with 41 billionaires together worth more than $126 billion; Germany comes third with 40.

Taikichiro Mori, aged 87, whose Tokyo property holdings are worth about $15 billion, beat Seibu Railway magnate Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, aged 57, who had headed the magazine's annual list for four years. But *Forbes* cautioned that Mr Tsutsumi's wealth, valued at more than $14 billion, is held through a 40 per cent stake in the holding company Kokudo Keikaku and there is speculation that he may own the other 60 per cent. If so, he would be worth $35 billion, making him by far the world's richest person.

The American Sam Moore Walton, founder of the Wal-Mart stores chain, and his family made the list with a $18.5 billion fortune. So did the du Pont family with about $10 billion, the Hearsts, the Rockefellers, the family of the late Walt Disney, the Canadian brothers Paul, Albert and Ralph Reichmann, developers of the Canary Wharf commercial property in London, and Robert Maxwell, the British publisher. *(Reuter)*

Teacher jailed for raping pupils

Bangkok — A Thai teacher has been jailed for 50 years after confessing to raping 36 of his pupils, aged 13 to 15, since 1987, on school premises or after luring them to his home. The court in Uthai Thani initially sentenced Banpot Chuchai to 734 years in prison but commuted the term. *(AFP)*

Leader detained

Islamabad — The ousted prime minister of Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, Mumtaz Rathore, has been placed under detention for a month here, federal authorities said. They refused to rule out a possible treason charge. *(AFP)*

Exile returns

Lomé — Gilchrist Olympio, aged 55, son of Sylvanus Olympio, the first president of Togo who was overthrown in 1963, has returned home to the cheers of thousands of supporters. *(AFP)*

Jet inspections

Seattle — The US Federal Aviation Administration has ordered inspections of thrust reverse systems in Boeing 767 jets equipped with Pratt and Whitney engines and an initial report within 30 days. *(AFP)*

Shot in the dark

Oregon City, Oregon — Todd Rollins, a sheriff's deputy, shot himself in the leg with a pistol kept by his bedside while dreaming that someone was attacking him. *(AP)*

African leaders hail new spirit

From Reuter in Abuja, Nigeria

WEST African leaders ended a summit in Nigeria hopeful of achieving regional solutions to the strife in Liberia, widespread political unrest and slow economic integration.

President Abdou Diouf of Senegal, elected chairman of the 16-nation Economic Community of West African States, at the close of its summit in Nigeria, said: "A new spirit is born." Mr Diouf, a champion of multiparty politics and regional integration, said West African leaders had realised that peace and stability at home were needed to integrate their impoverished economies.

The summit in Abuja, Nigeria's future capital, came at a time of great uncertainty in an area faced with civil war, political upheaval and growing poverty. The leaders were optimistic that a Liberian peace accord reached at talks in Ivory Coast last week between Liberia's interim president, Amos Saywer, and the main rebel leader, Charles Taylor, would speedily end the 18-month-old conflict.

The Abuja communique said the African leaders hoped "the spirit of reconciliation" emerging from the Ivory Coast talks would form the basis of a lasting solution to the conflict that has killed several thousands and spread to neighbouring Sierra Leone. A five-nation commission, headed by the leaders of Ivory Coast and Senegal, will monitor free elections due to be held in Liberia within six months.

Chinese lose their shirts in clampdown by government

From Catherine Sampson in Peking

IN FRONT of the shop, a nervous lookout is posted, his eyes darting up and down the street watching for the approach of the authorities. Meanwhile, in a cramped back room, a deal is struck. Money and a package change hands, and the buyer steps out, clutching his illegal merchandise T-shirts.

T-shirts that bear slogans describing the alienation created by two years of political oppression have become the latest victim of Communist party paranoia in Peking.

Last week, their sale was banned in an internal document circulated by the commercial bureau, which condemned the slogans as "decadent". Now, sales are conducted in utmost secrecy. "I'm fed up, leave me alone", reads the most popular T-shirt. "I just want to make money", "There's no tomorrow, so why not get drunk", "Don't push me", "Life is really tough", read others.

"After all this reform and opening up, we are supposed to be grateful that life is so wonderful under socialism," one Peking resident said. "We are not supposed to be fed up about anything."

The *Peking Daily* newspaper joined the chorus of official condemnation this weekend, asking self-righteously of the "I'm fed up" T-shirt wearers, "How would you feel if your family and friends really did leave you alone?" It would be far better, the newspaper suggested, to wear nice T-shirts with slogans like, "I climbed Mount Taishan", or "Improve your skills and build up the motherland".

Private shops that stocked the T-shirts were raided last week by officials from the commerce bureau who confiscated stocks and fined the owners. Commerce bureau officials appeared at the factory producing the T-shirts and confiscated the illicit printing plates. Now, the bureau is interrogating shopowners about the origins of the T-shirts.

"They were designed by students," said one of the worried shopowners. "They organised it all before they went on holiday so they would not be around if there were problems."

Some slogans are political in tone, but very obscure. "Look back", reads one. "That's a reference to the June 4th massacre," explains a shopowner knowledgeably. So is "I'm not afraid of bitterness or death, and I'm not afraid of you".

Some people have been spotted around town sporting T-shirts that do not appear to be connected with the student-produced culture T-shirts. This shirt bears an English-language slogan, adopted by the American state of New Hampshire during the Vietnam War, which is not very subtle. "Live Free or Die", it reads.

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PTN-ers: Fleur Rossdale and Fletcher Robinson believe that it saves money to call in the professionals

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DIY-ers: John Hancox and his wife Pat believe that "you get what you want and you get good quality"

Face to face, PTN versus DIY

Do you DIY or PTN? Do-it-yourself is a British obsession. Together with Germany, Scandinavia and the United States, we lead the world with screwdriver and spirit level. Magazines such as *Practical Householder*, *Do It Yourself* and *Home Improver* vie for shelf space in the newsagents. DIY shops are in the vanguard of the movement towards Sunday trading. (Handymen must take care, however, because the environment department warned in May that they could be fined for causing a nuisance if noisy tools are used on the Sabbath). But there is another, less visible group whose exploits are seldom chronicled, who have no magazines to encourage them and no advice columns to which they may appeal.

These are the people who PTN, or pay through the nose. DIY is anathema to them, and they are responsible for the rise of all those enterprising service companies promising to walk your dog, water your plants and handle all household repairs — for a price.

Harriet Thornhill, a partner in Shortcut Services, which will do all of the above, says: "Although people are cutting back on giving parties, which we also arrange, house repairs are coming in every day. You can't avoid smashed windows and blocked drains. When we go to walk someone's dog and they find out that we hang pictures they get terribly excited."

Fleur Rossdale, the founder of the British Interior Design Exhibition and the Design and Decoration House, and her husband Fletcher Robinson, a stockbroker in the City, are unapologetic PTN-ers.

"When, once, water began gushing into the basement in the middle of the night I rang up an emergency plumber who told us to turn the mains tap off," Ms Rossdale says. "But neither one of us had the foggiest idea where it was, so he had to come out at four o'clock in the morning."

> *'I have a lovely gentleman builder, but I do change the light bulbs occasionally'*

DIY-ers will be shaking their heads with disbelief, but PTN-ers should be nodding in empathy. "I take my pictures all to one shop to frame on the understanding that they will also come and hang them for me," Ms Rossdale says, "and I have a lovely 'gentleman builder' called Mr Brown who does everything from fixing leaky taps to making bookshelves. But I do change lightbulbs occasionally myself."

The Robinsons' Georgian town house contains curtains bought for half price (£800) at a British Interior Design Exhibition — but then they paid another £260 to have them hung and altered to fit.

As someone who showcases the best of British interior design, Ms Rossdale believes that using top professionals can save money in the long run. "Christopher Neville suggested using a heavy fabric for wallpaper in the study, which cost £400 but saved us from having to plaster the walls or having the wires fixed in." Their "print-room" dining room was done by the Pimlico Print Room for £3,000 — "although I know you can buy the borders and get your own prints and do it really cheaply".

"I think it's false economy to try to do things yourself," she says. "I can tell you a story about my mother who once did all the decorating of a house in the country by herself and my father hated it, so then she had to employ an interior designer to re-do it." The only touches in her house she despises are those she attempted to do herself. "I chose the marble for the bath and the radiator tops myself," she says ruefully, "and I chose the wrong colour. But I was trying to save money."

As a working mother, her time is precious, she says. "And I'm not going to spend it building or repairing things. My husband works long hours and neither of us has the energy and I don't feel the least bit guilty about it."

But her husband confesses he does, which is why he makes himself scarce when repairs are in progress. "As a man, you're made to feel a wimp by the people who come to do the work, in a very subtle way," he says. "So I tend to go out. I'm hopeless with my hands and feel very helpless about it. I think it's different for a man: you feel you're somehow expected to know how to do these things. I'd like my sons to be able to, but of course I can't teach them."

John Hancox, an enthusiastic DIY-er, from Redditch, in Worcestershire, feels that his three grown sons are all fairly self-sufficient. "One works as a manager for Do-It-All, despite reading philosophy at university," he says.

At the pin-neat semi-detached home Mr Hancox, a retired art teacher, shares with his wife Pat, who works in the health service, almost everything has been done by himself. He apologises for having had a retired builder in to help with the kitchen extension, and for not having made the unit doors (he bought them as seconds and built the cabinets around them). And he no longer paints the outside of the house, since a fall from a ladder. But the mahogany-effect mantelpiece and shelving units to either side of the fireplace are all his own work, as is the unit to house his collection of compact discs. "The two side-units together cost about £100 in materials, the compact disc cabinet about £60," he says. "It's not necessarily cheaper doing it yourself but you get what you want and you get good quality." The drawers are all wood, and they slide smoothly.

> *'It's important to know what is worth doing and what is not — like building a trellis'*

Mr Hancox did all the electrical wiring of his extension, created a bay window and built a porch. He even moulded the decorative blocks in his garden fence. "I couldn't possibly have afforded to buy them at the time," he says.

He also designed and built the display case in the kitchen for their collection of china. The kitchen table, however, was bought from Ikea. "I couldn't have done it any cheaper. It's important to know what is *worth* doing and what is not — like building your own trellis."

The only less-than-perfect bit of building or decorating in the house was done by professional decorators paid for by an insurance company after a fire in the kitchen. "*Look* at this," Mr Hancox says in disgust, showing wallpaper that barely joins and is unevenly cut and sloppily finished. "They charged us about £300, I think — and we spent less than £100 doing the whole sitting room with vinyl wallpaper and quite expensive paint."

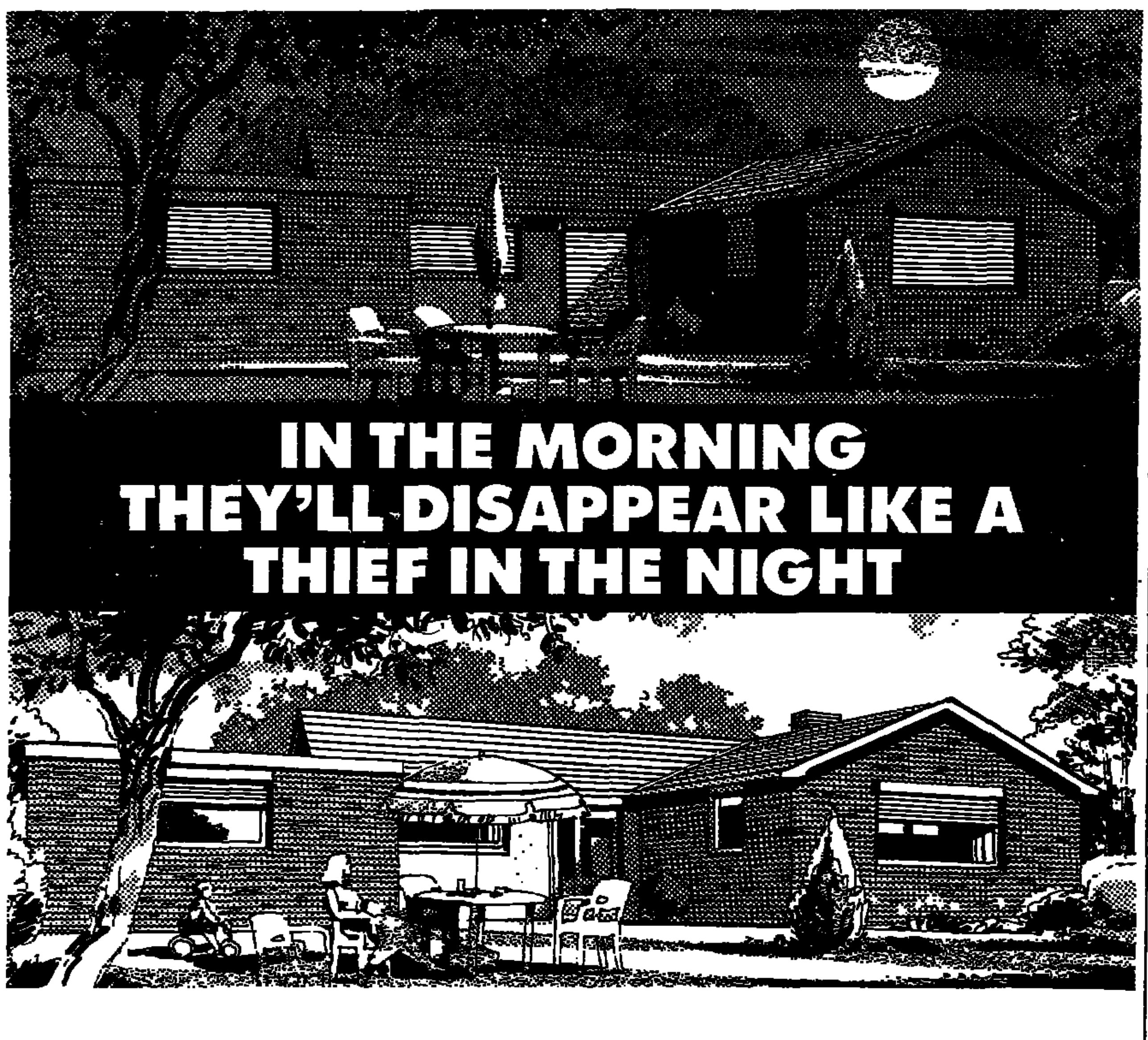
Practical Householder prides itself on producing interviews with well-known figures who, like Viscount Linley, have learnt the joy of working with their hands.

"Sir Terence Conran will feature in our August issue," the editor, Martin Hocking, says. "He has written several books on the joys of doing it yourself and believes that 'you cannot be a good designer unless you know how to make the products'. He says: 'I look forward to going to my workshop in the country to make something I still make furniture — even though my shops sell it ready-made.'

"Our typical readers are ABs, who have desk jobs during the day and are looking forward to creating something with their hands at the weekend," Mr Hocking says. Like the Social and Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown, perhaps, who was quoted in *House Beautiful* magazine this month as saying: "Most of my work is distinguishable by the fact that it's crooked and that it has my blood on it somewhere."

Mr Ashdown said yesterday: "I have the sort of Irish navvy approach to DIY, and if it's anything with finesse my wife needs to do it. She's very good." (Jane trained in interior design.)

"She once bought me a spirit level in a desperate attempt to get me to make things straight — but then it turned out that the house was crooked so I gave up using it."



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MPs show their green side

Parliamentarians who wield clubs outside the Commons are celebrating 100 years of their golfing society

THE Whigs were lousy golfers, though this did not count among Gladstone's most pressing problems in 1891. The Parliamentary Golfing Society was formed that year and a match between the two sides of the House was rejected on the assumption that, as one Tory MP put it, the Gladstonians would be "as hopelessly out of it as in an Irish debate".

The society celebrates its centenary this month and still draws its membership mainly from the Conservative benches of both Houses, although Lord Whitelaw, the president since 1984, pooh-poohs the idea that an air of shire Toryism prevails.

"The society is totally bi-partisan," he says. "Lord Clinton-Davis has won our annual handicap competition on several occasions. And we also now have policemen, clerks, anyone who works in the Houses of Parliament."

It was not until 1982, however, that the former Labour MP Stanley Clinton Davis won the competition and became the first socialist name on a trophy that also carries those of Arthur Balfour (1894, 1897 and 1910), Andrew Bonar Law (1907), William Whitelaw himself (1976) and Selwyn Lloyd (1950) — the only Speaker to have won.

The Prince of Wales nearly got his name on the trophy, too — not the current prince, of course, but his great-uncle, who was beaten in the 1933 final. In the semi-final the prince was drawn against the country's first female MP, Lady Astor. They played before a huge gallery at Walton Heath, Surrey, and Lady Astor, intimidated by neither rank nor file, was two holes up after nine. She lost narrowly, but it was a creditable performance that earned her increased respect in the House, even though there was a scandalous rumour that she had offered her quarter-final opponent £5 to let her through to play against the prince.

On the ball: Sir Denis Thatcher is rated a jolly good competitor

There is a story, too, that at Walton Heath, Winston Churchill offered to putt Lloyd George for the premiership. Whether this happened, and what the outcome was, is not recorded, although it is known that Lloyd-George, perhaps not surprisingly, had a "most unorthodox" golf swing.

One of the best swings possessed by a parliamentary golfer was that of William Whitelaw. It helped him to the captaincy of the Cambridge university team and, for a short time before the war, to a handicap of scratch.

Lord Whitelaw's favourite playing partners from the ranks of the Parliamentary Golfing Society include Lord Deedes, Lord Aldington and Sir Denis Thatcher. Sir Denis does not strictly qualify for membership but "an exception was made". He is, according to Lord Whitelaw, a jolly good competitor, but even in retirement it seems his wife is unlikely to take up golf. "I don't think she'd ever go near a course if she could help it," says her former mentor. Neither the prime minister, John Major, nor his wife is believed to be a golfer.

Lord Aldington is famous in parliamentary golfing circles for winning the annual handicap three times, on each occasion under a different name. In 1949 he won as Mr Toby Low, in 1960 as Sir Toby Low, and in 1973 as Lord Aldington.

This is clearly a favourite statistic among society stalwarts. Lord Whitelaw drops it and so, over tea in the Commons tea room, does Andrew MacKay, MP for Berkshire East, parliamentary private secretary to defence secretary Tom King and, not least, vice-captain of the Golfing Society.

Where Lord Whitelaw sees the society as "purely recreational", Mr MacKay sees it as, on occasion, a forum for political cut and thrust or, perhaps, slice and hook. "After all," he says, "Eisenhower did summit diplomacy on the golf course and George Bush is often seen playing golf."

There are plans to play an American congressional team and a team of Irish parliamentarians. Who knows, the seeds of a lasting Anglo-Irish alliance might yet be sown on a golf course.

The society has a fixture against the French parliamentarians, which it has won convincingly for three years out of three. There is also an annual match against the diplomats and high commissioners. That one, naturally, is sponsored by Beefeater Gin.

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BRIEFING

Lowland reels

ANXIOUS to see *Man Without Pigs* or *Triple Bogey on a Par Five Hole*? These delicacies are among the haul of celluloid netted by this year's Edinburgh Film Festival, the 45th. Special surveys include Hungarian director István Szabó, American maverick John Sayles and the legacy of the late Bill Douglas. British premieres include Derek Jarman's *Edward II* and Liza Minnelli leading the tap-dancing class in the film version of *Stepping Out*. The festival runs from August 10 to 25 (031-228 4051).

Cod piece?

UNLIKELY venue of the year: Billingsgate, erstwhile fish market recently gentrified by Richard Rogers, will be used by the Rambert Dance Company. Its charity show on September 26 will feature Alston's *Roughcut*, presumably "scaled up" for the location.

Last chance...

IAN McDiarmid's expert staging of *The Rehearsal*, which closes at the Garrick (071-379 6107) on Saturday after transferring from the Almeida, proved that Anouilh, whose reputation stood high in the Fifties, does not merit his present low standing. How about *Poor Bitos* next season?

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Cinema: Only American film-makers can now afford *not* to involve partners from other countries, says **Geoff Brown**

Shooting match or shotgun wedding?

Fortunate exception: Malcolm McDowell (right) in *Assassin of the Tsar*. He is one of the few Western actors so far to have starred in a worthwhile international co-production

The scene is the Cannes Film Festival at 8.30 in the morning, the first press screening of the day: I arrive a little late and bleary-eyed; no time to check the full credits, but the film is in Russian, and called *Assassin of the Tsar*. Minutes pass. "That Russian actor looks familiar," I muse, sizing up the puckered face of a psychiatric patient who believes he shot Tsar Nicholas II. Ten minutes later, I spot his resemblance to Malcolm McDowell. Several scenes afterwards, the penny drops. It *is* Malcolm McDowell, dubbed into Russian.

McDowell was not the only actor at Cannes treading strange ground. Anthony Andrews could be seen far from *Brideshead* with hollow eyes and a shaved head: a British archaeologist incarcerated in a Stalinist prison camp in a gruelling drama called *Lost in Siberia*. Both films hailed from a British-based company, Spectator Entertainment International, which has arranged several Anglo-Soviet ventures. The Russians provide script, crew and most of the cast; Britain supplies a few plum actors and post-production finesse.

Co-produce or die: this is clearly becoming the motto for any film-maker outside America's rich pastures. Escalating costs have forced producers to stir up a pan-global cocktail of banks, television stations, distributors and businesses. The purely national film has become a vanishing luxury. EC cultural initiatives and funding programmes increase the pressure for films to be poured into a European blender; while further east, the film industries of Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland, struggling to find their feet away from communist state control, beg for partners from the capitalist West.

The finances can get hideously complicated. Peter Greenaway's forthcoming *Prospero's Books*, which officially sails under an Anglo-French flag, was funded through 25 separate deals across the globe. Chen Kaige's latest film, *Life on a String*, shot with a Chinese cast and crew, drew upon Germany, Japan, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands and Channel 4; while its production company began life in Brazil, shifted to London and ended in Berlin.

Should we deplore these cinematic Towers of Babel? The immediate vices of international co-productions are easily paraded: actors of all countries adrift in no-man's-land; stories twisted out of shape by financiers' demands for their pet stars or locations. Every six months or so some Euro-nightmare creeps into Britain for the briefest of runs. Last year brought *Mr Frost*, featuring Alan Bates, Kathy Baker and assorted French players, mired in a satanic tale lacking any cultural identity. *Wings of Fame* — Dutch, by a Czech emigré director — had Peter O'Toole drowning in whimsy of vaguely Central European extraction. McDowell — slotted so neatly into *Assassin of the Tsar*, an intriguing psychodrama from the director Karen Chakhnazarov — was lucky.

There are subtler, more insidious vices. The Euro-blender can easily reduce individual ingredients to a grey, homogeneous pulp. Smart post-production packaging may ease the film's progress with world distributors, but runs the risk of sapping the film's resonance. Take Chen Kaige's *Life on a String*, steeped in Chinese folk music and legend. The hero is an old, blind musician whose sight might return once he breaks the 1,000th string on his sanxian, a traditional, long-necked Chinese banjo. But whenever the chap sings, out booms the young voice of some Chinese version of a Las Vegas crooner. At such points, the film's spell snaps, even if the string does not.

Some directors transport their world wherever they go. If Peter Greenaway shot an Austrian-Greek co-production in Timbuktu, we would still, I fancy, be wading through word lists and games of sex and death. Other directors are more vulnerable to uprooting and re-potting, particularly those from Eastern Europe who earned their spurs with closely observed studies of local conditions that nevertheless struck a chord abroad.

Hungary's István Szabó has been hurled into the Euro-blender, under David Puttnam's aegis. But with their *Meeting Venus*, due to compete at the Venice Film Festival in September, it is finally possible to appreciate the potential of a multi-national, European film. The language babble that ruins so many other ventures is cannily built into the material: *Meeting Venus* draws on Szabó's own experiences as a visiting opera producer, trying to mount *Tannhäuser* in Paris with a multi-lingual company.

Casting adds to the linguistic tangle. An American (Glenn Close) plays the heroine, a Swedish diva: the cast's sole Swede — Erland Josephson — portrays a Spaniard, the director of Opera Europa; while Niels Arestrup (French, of Danish parentage) fills Szabó's shoes as the conductor on the barricades. Yet the faces and voices match the characters: if the film suffers dramatic flaws, the fault lies elsewhere, in the script's marshalling of incidents and the distancing effect of Szabó's style.

For Puttnam, *Meeting Venus* was to be the film to test his belief in the European future of cinema. Diverse audience reactions, however, are prompting him to query his initial position. In mainland Europe, reaction to preview screenings borders on the ecstatic; the British response has been markedly mixed. One reason, Puttnam suspects, may be our current isolation from the European experience. Our financial ties lie more and more with Europe; but our language and popular culture, Puttnam believes, pull us ever closer to America. "The English Channel", he pondered last week, "is far wider than I ever supposed."

But no matter what the channel's width, international co-production is now a fact of life. *Meeting Venus* demonstrates one way of avoiding pitfalls and building creatively upon practical necessities. For the sake of our beleaguered film industry, we must find others.

John Higgins (in the Opera House) and **Richard Morrison** (in the Piazza) review *Tosca*, with Placido Domingo and Maria Ewing

Everyone a winner in the . . .

Hungrily passionate: Cavaradossi (Placido Domingo) and Tosca (Maria Ewing)

There was a sense of occasion when Placido Domingo first came to Covent Garden, 20 years ago. And there was a sense of occasion when he returned on Saturday. The role then as now was Cavaradossi, the one he often chose then for house debuts and the one he has since sung more often than any other on stage, although perhaps one day Otello might overtake it. Since that opening night he has been exceptionally loyal to the Royal Opera and scarcely a season has passed without a Domingo visit: anybody grousing that in 1991 he is restricting himself to three "closed" *Toscas*, and next Sunday's Kenwood performance, would do well to remember that.

The Domingo debut was no early spot by Covent Garden. The reputation was firm in America and Germany, the first major recordings were already appearing and ten years had passed since his very first Cavaradossi. Two decades on, the voice and the presence are utterly undimmed. Domingo's republican remains a man passionate in his every involvement, whether it be painting, politics or love.

The burnished tenor still flows easily over "Recondita armonia", with a triumphant flourish on the final note, and there is equal triumph in the Act II "Vittorias" when news comes through of victory at Marengo. Act III has now changed a little. Cavaradossi staggers onto the battlements of the Castel Sant'Angelo making it clear that the hours with Scarpia's torturers have been ugly, and "E lucevan le stelle" is no lyrical dream of lost love but an angry aria of a man facing death. Only with Tosca's arrival and "O dolci mani" does sweetness return.

Maria Ewing's first London Tosca is characteristically individual and impetuous. She takes considerable risks, including a long, long pause at the end when Tosca seems to have an internal debate on whether suicide from the parapet is the right course. Earlier in front of Cavaradossi and the Madonna she is pouting, provocative and saucy. With Scarpia she becomes a tigress, stabbing him from front and back and ready with a little strangulation if needs be. Vocally too there is unpredictability, with some words and vocal line going askew (especially in the last act) but a "Vissi d'arte" which captures the very essence of that aria as one of religious reproach.

Throughout this is a highly tactile performance from both Ewing and Domingo, turning Cavaradossi and Tosca into a pair of handsome beasts hungry for one another. By their side Justino Diaz's Scarpia is quite sombrely human, thoroughly professional but without much spark. Diaz has been singing almost as long as Domingo and the centre of the voice remains rich, but with memories of Ramey's Scarpia less than two months old the odds are stacked against him.

John Cox has rehearsed the production with care and made sure that this is not just a celebrity evening. The lighting seemed turned up a bit — bright stars for Act III, bright fire for Scarpia — presumably to help transmission into the piazza. Michel Plasson in the pit was unrecognisable as the man who had stumbled through the earlier revival of the season. This time round there was a firm grip on everything and the "nobs" *Tosca*, as these performances have been dubbed, is in every way a dish fit to be set before a queen, as it will be tonight when the Queen Mother attends.

JOHN HIGGINS

. . . great Covent Garden relay

Meanwhile, out on the Covent Garden Piazza, the Big Screen was up and pumping out the decibels, the evening had a Roman warmth, and a crowd of thousands enjoyed the free simultaneous relay of *Tosca*. This was an opera audience resembling no other in Britain — no, not even at the much vaunted "populist" Earls Court *Tosca*, where (at upwards of £25 a ticket) suits and perms still predominated.

The piazza audience was mainly a young, shorts-and-trainers, lager-clutching mêlée, many drawn from the surrounding cafes and pubs by the devastatingly amplified top Cs, ricocheting ferociously off the London Transport Museum. And as 10pm passed and the West End spilt out its theatre-goers, so this huge crowd grew. By the time Domingo launched into "E lucevan le stelle", the road from the Theatre Royal was packed with people: after *Miss Saigon*, they were probably glad of the music.

Few of the normal opera-house inhibitions operated here. People ate, drank, cracked jokes, canoodled and whooped their enthusiasm (for the opera, I mean). "Give us an action re-play," shouted one girl after Domingo's first aria. This extraneous noise obviously did little for Puccini's subtler woodwind writing. But opera is about big tunes, love, death and jealousy — and all that was adequately conveyed. Moreover, even purists mellow into tolerance if they are watching the performance for nothing.

The Big Screen made a famously soggy debut in 1987. In recent seasons it has been silenced, apparently by the Royal Opera's fear of contravening the Noise Abatement Act — which always seemed a bizarre legal weapon to wield against Puccini. This time, however, the Royal Opera had to choose between a public relations disaster (tickets for Domingo's performances did not go on sale in the normal way) and bending the law. It chose correctly; for once, the Opera House made a mark on ordinary lives. The Big Screen is up again on Thursday.

As for the law-breaking, the only time I saw the police in action was when a young lady of rather heavy build attempted to clamber on to a telephone kiosk for a better view. Since the kiosk was one of BT's flimsy new models, and seemed likely to crumple under her (probably during "Vissi d'arte"), the constable was surely right to wag an admonishing finger. Now tell me where you sit *inside* the Opera House to see a sideshow like that.

RICHARD MORRISON

Better to rehearse hopefully than perform without understanding

Soviet director Lev Dodin, bringing two Maly Theatre productions to London from Leningrad, talks to **Matt Wolf**

New to London: a scene from *Brothers and Sisters*

Lev Dodin is still going strong, though it is well past midnight. Seated in the lobby of his hotel, the 47-year-old artistic director of Leningrad's Maly Theatre shows scant trace of weariness at the negotiations which have been filling his days in London. As if the logistics of arranging for two Maly productions to be seen at this year's London International Festival of Theatre were not enough, Dodin is also nursing a bad back. These difficulties melt away the minute he talks about his art.

"I have been waiting for this moment the whole of my life," Dodin says of the belated London premiere of *Brothers and Sisters*, his epic dramatisation of Fydor Abramov's trilogy of novels set during the 1940s. This production, to be seen alongside a new work entitled *Gaudeamus*, has been staged in New York, Paris, San Diego and Glasgow, but Dodin feels there is life yet in a seven-hour saga of how Stalin ate the country's soul. "Any meeting with a foreign audience is a test for the universality of the production, and this is what we always look for. This is the basis of our theatre; the company of the present-day Maly is the cast of *Brothers and Sisters*."

That cast numbers around 40 people, and its *Nicholas Nickleby*-like scope may surprise those who associate the Maly with the relatively intimate *Stars in the Morning Sky*, seen at Riverside Studios in 1988 and subsequently Anglicised for a separate fringe production earlier this year. But Dodin feels that all three plays — including *Gaudeamus* — constitute a historical tapestry of the last half-century in which differing scales of production nonetheless convey similar passions.

"Each of these productions shows man at the centre with his sorrows and his joys. This is what theatre is for," he says, appraising the Maly not only as "the main theatre in Leningrad but, possibly, in the world.

"The aim is to analyse history, to tell what is happening. Without understanding past times, we can't understand the present. Our work is about the continuity between past, present and future."

That past in *Brothers and Sisters* involves a village in northern Russia where the townspeople inhabit a collective farm, or "kolkhoz". No strangers to brutality, the villagers take unexpected joy in goods such as a loaf of bread and find compassion in a spirit which, the play makes clear, the worst excesses of the Soviet state cannot quash. *Gaudeamus*, based on a 1989 novella about new army recruits, is a critical analysis of contemporary corruption. Dodin sees it more as improvisation than adaptation, acted by a cast of 19, most of them students.

Dodin was born in Siberia, the son of a geologist father and paediatrician mother. His parents travelled, and so did he, taking up a post at the Theatre Institute in Leningrad, where he was teaching when the offer came in 1983 to head the Maly. Since then, the company has kept up to ten productions in repertoire simultaneously, including Anglo-American works. In the repertoire this past spring, as Dodin points out, were stagings of *Lord of the Flies* and *Look Back In Anger*, plus *The Rose Tattoo*. The Maly's rehearsal process is either luxurious or dotty, depending on one's perspective. Preparations last from several months to several years. It is this attitude towards time that makes Dodin reluctant to accept directing offers in the West.

"The most important thing in the theatre is the process, and so far that's possible only in my own theatre. I would be interested in this kind of work [with foreigners] if I could collect a number of people inspired by some unusual idea, and if I could work with them as long as I needed."

'People want spiritual shock but they don't know it'

Not that Dodin seems enamoured of British theatre. While he enjoyed the English National Opera's *Don Giovanni*, "a sympathetic piece, particularly in the first act", his impressions of most British and American theatre are severely expressed. "I can't stand it; it's utterly uninteresting for me. I sometimes think with horror that there could one day be circumstances that would make me work in the same way.

"Unfortunately, theatre is always being commercialised or socialised," says Dodin. "In Russia, it's part of the social life not because there's a wish to do that but because there's no other instrument in society, and it becomes more crude because of this."

What then of theatre's future? "I would say theatre is a very serious occupation, though it is organised in such a way that everything prevents it from being serious. Theatre responds to its own banality, to the superficial understanding of the needs of the spectator. People want spiritual shock but they don't know it. But when they find it, they are very grateful; this spiritual shock discovers the spiritual life in their own selves. As Stanislavsky said, the theatre must always stay alert."

● *Gaudeamus is at the Lyric Hammersmith, London W6 (081-741 2311) from Thursday to July 16.* Brothers and Sisters *is there from July 18 to 21.*

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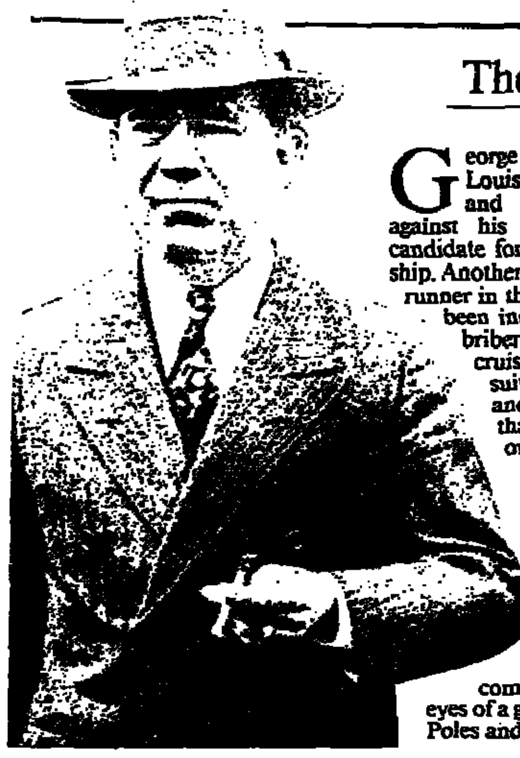

The stalinesque legacy of Huey Long, left, hangs heavily on Louisiana's race for governor, reports **Peter Stothard**

Haunted by ol' Huey

George Bush will come to Louisiana this summer, and he will campaign against his Republican party's candidate for the state governorship. Another candidate, the front-runner in the election, has twice been indicted for fraud and bribery, is notorious for cruising campuses in pursuit of young women, and has said famously that "only a dead girl or a live boy in my bed" will deny him victory. The Louisiana governorship election, long famous for insanity, insolvency and sex, is bidding to outdo itself this year, and all, adding to the black comedy, before the wide eyes of a group of Romanians, Poles and Russians invited to see real American democracy at work.

Louisiana is a despot's paradise. Under a system of concentrated power that should be familiar to the East Europeans, the governor can control thousands of jobs, many of them superfluous except to the holder. The state legislature still struggles for checks on the governor's power that other states won long ago.

Hanging outside the governor's office are his predecessor's portraits, each resembling either a Bourbon or a Bonaparte. The French way of absolutism, inculcated in the 18th century, was pushed to its high point by the man whose statue stands outside the window, Huey P. Long, whose "share the wealth" slogans were only slightly less hollow than those of his contemporary, Stalin.

More than 50 years after his assassination, "Huey" is still the most influential politician in the miniature Empire State Building he created. The great debate in Louisiana is whether one of America's most backward states would have become modernised had it not been for the centralisation and patronage by which Huey took tax money from the oil companies, kept some for himself and his family, and handed the rest to the poor.

The debate is real because, with only modest refinements, the same system is in place today, and economic progress appears to have stopped. Personal local taxes are light; those on business are heavy. The middle class, paying little for its state government, has had little cause to join the national rebellions against the cost of welfare. Politicians talk about fundamental change — but so far Poland is probably doing better.

Three years ago Buddy Roemer, a conservative Democrat, became a symbol of reform when he won the election and offered to make Louisiana a normal member of the United States. To the delight of Mr Bush, the new governor even became a Republican. Last week, as he signed a bill to make state taxes more acceptable to business, he still looked like a reformer prince, standing out alongside legislative barons whose suits and swept-back hair paid fashion homage to the Thirties. This prince, however, has disappointed. Yes, they say, he has been honest; yes, he has given more clout to the legislature, but he has shown himself wilful without being strong, quirky without inspiring proper fear. Louisianans are hankering after a "bigger man".

In this curious atmosphere of resentment, the tide is running for Edwin Edwards, a three-times former governor. To many this has come as a shock. Governor Edwards's attempts to apply the ethics of Huey Long in the Watergate era (and Sixties sexual standards in the era of Gary Hart) seemed to have ended his career. He is now promoting the generous policies of the oil-rich past for a state that no longer has the riches — successfully so to those poor who believe he can magically make "*les bons temps rouler*" again.

Governor Roemer does, however, have a wild card — abortion rights. Clyde Holloway, the slow-talking Republican congressman Bush has rejected, wants to make abortion virtually impossible in the state. The governor, who in the early Eighties was an anti-abortion stalwart, last month vetoed the latest Louisiana bill as too restrictive. Having then suffered the humiliation of having his veto overturned, he is in the peculiar role of being the pro-choice hero.

Will women rise up for abortion rights and help the prince beat the barons? What happens when modern democracies keep one foot in the dark ages? Answers, in Romanian or Russian only please, before polling day on October 19.

Ronald Butt

John Major is right to lambast Labour's education policy, but he must go further

Last week, John Major led the pre-election Tory attack straight towards the enemy's camp, challenging the fundamental principles of educational ideology promoted by Labour since the Fifties. It was not a foray without risk. Education is a topic on which, as opinion polls show, the public regards Labour as more trustworthy than the Tories. Inevitably, the party in power is blamed for what is wrong with so important a public service, from the shoddy school buildings and inadequate books and equipment to bad teaching. Moreover, an endless chorus from the educational left fixes the blame firmly on the lack of resources.

But the cause of what is wrong lies much deeper in the educational culture, and it is this that Mr Major seems determined to change. Recognising that more children are doing better at GCSE only because standards have been lowered, he wants to restore the objective testing that has only recently been lost through Tory capitulation to the educationists' pressure. He would also defend A-level standards, make the testing of children's attainment easier and simpler, and encourage many more city technology colleges and grant-maintained schools free of local authority control. His speech was a declaration against the left's "mania for equality", which damages both the brightest children and the less able ones, who far too often leave school with no education worthy of the name.

Labour's response was instant and predictable. Jack Straw, the education spokesman, condemned the emphasis on opted-out schools and technology colleges as creating a two-tier system. Neil Kinnock accused Mr Major of wanting to create new kinds of privilege. Though Labour has now formally joined the Tories in talking about "standards" the party is still blown by the egalitarian wind that has undermined British education for 30 years.

That all should go to the same school was the first principle of Labour politicians and the left-inclined educational establishment, from the teacher training colleges to the education administrators in local authorities and Whitehall. Hence the giant comprehensive schools which, especially in deprived inner-city areas, robbed the more able children of the chance of the grammar-school route to higher education and failed to give a good basic training to the less able. Hence, too, mixed-ability teaching which allows no division between children of different abilities, and child-centred teaching which diminishes the importance of instruction in favour of the "discovery" of knowledge.

Mr Straw is now converted to "standards". But his idea of attaining them is to propose an Education Standards Council, a vast quango dominated by the very people who already control teacher-training colleges, the local education authorities and the like. The prevailing creed will still be egalitarian. Real equality of opportunity according to needs and ability will be replaced by an empty theory.

What otherwise is the point of Labour's commitment "to have four out of five 16 to 18 year-olds with at least the equivalent of five GCSEs at grades A-C, within five years"? How can it be done without lower standards? This applies, too, to the commitment that in ten years half the 16 to 19 group should have at least one A-level. Would Mr Straw denounce destructive mixed-ability teaching? Will he renounce the use of education for social engineering rather than for its own sake?

Labour, alas, would give the old ideas a new lease of power. Yet the subjection of education to social engineering is not what most parents want. They ask only that their children be properly taught. Labour's electoral advantage with education arises only because the Tories were saddled with the consequences of the ideas which Labour promoted.

Mr Major's approach, not Labour's, has potentially the greater appeal. But he must show he can achieve what is needed. Even a big increase in city technology colleges and opted-out schools is not enough. Britain needs not only an efficient system of "academic" schools, but also high-quality technical schools available to all. The lack of these in the days of the "secondary moderns" undermined the system of the old 1944 Act and provided the excuse for "comprehensivisation". The Tories must not make that mistake again.

Bitch, bitch and bitch again

If the Office of Fair Trading wants us to complain more, we must do our national duty, writes **Bernard Levin**

I sometimes get the impression that Sir Gordon Borrie, the director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, feels that his redoubtable energies are greater than the matters to which he is obliged to direct them. The ensuing restlessness occasionally boils over into pronouncements that, if they came from a lesser figure, would be classified under some such rubric as "Satan makes work for idle hands to do".

I recall, for instance, a macabre claim from his office which asserted that the entire nation was drowning in an ocean of unrepayable debt, so that imminent ruin stared us all in the face, and for good measure that wolves had been sighted in Regent Street. A couple of minutes with my calculator revealed that, spread evenly through the adult population, the burden of debt weighed about eightpence a citizen; Sir Gordon's next foray into the debt jungle was couched, I was glad to see, in less lurid terms.

It did not last. Sir Gordon has recently published, as his duty requires, the annual report of the work of his office; among other matters, he reveals that there have been some 700,000 complaints in the year from members of the public who have been, or think they have been, cheated or let down by the purveyors of goods or services. Indeed, he has compiled a fascinating table which shows, for instance, that the largest number of complaints concerned the purchase of second-hand cars (more than 64,000 aggrieved customers), followed by television sets and other electrical goods (54,000), with food and drink (53,000) in third place, and entertainment filling the 20th and last place with just under 10,000 cries of "we wuz robbed!"

So far, so good; Sir Gordon was appointed to make Trading, as far as possible, Fair, and listing the Unfair traders by categories is a useful indicator of who is getting away with it.

But then he had to go and spoil everything. You and I might think that 700,000 annual complaints (that's one every 45 seconds, right through the year, not excluding bank holidays), would be a reasonable quantity for a reasonable nation; not Sir Gordon. For him, 700,000 disgruntled shoppers are nowhere near enough. If we put our backs into it, he says, we could have not just 700,000 yells of outrage when we open the box, but 7 million — nay, 70 million.

Just think of it; more than 130 complaints a minute, day in, day out, and a fig for the Sunday shopping laws; wonderful, endless complaining, not just about second-hand cars, but about all the areas Sir Gordon lists in which, he insists, the country's shoppers are fulfilling only one per cent of their duty to scream the place down.

Clothing, home maintenance, upholstered furniture, double glazing, hardware and cleaning, carpets, footwear (shoes, they used to be called), sports goods, toys (come on, children, do your national duty — break your drum to find out what makes the noise and then complain to Sir Gordon that it has fallen silent), jewellery, hire and credit — all these opportunities lie open before you. Come; line up before Sir Gordon, and on a count of three begin, in unison, "Let's bitch, bitch, bitch, bitch, *bitch* the whole day long".

Now *it* is not to be supposed that Sir Gordon wants us to complain more because he likes the bitching refrain, nor — surely — because he could then expand his office. No, he explains his motive clearly and honestly; his worry is that the British feel that complaining in public is a sign of bad breeding. Eliminate this shameful attitude, and we could turn our wretched 700,000 annual complaints into a splendid 70 million.

Mind you, he does see encouraging signs that we are shedding our civility; the hire and purchase of television and radio sets and other electrical goods have attracted an increase in complaints of no less than 20 per cent on the year, while credit business records a magnificent 45 per cent increase. Nevertheless, he is plainly disappointed in us; so much so, indeed, that he wants his powers extended by parliament to cover areas that at present are thought (by him, at any rate) insufficiently wicked to fall into the criminal or civil law. If asked why parliament should oblige him, he would doubtless reply that stern measures are required, over a long period, before the people of Britain can be persuaded to spend their time complaining about something, or better still everything.

But why stop at bitching? A mere 3,000 miles away there is a precedent of enormous significance; in the United States the people have long since given up complaining in favour of litigation. Here, if a packet of prawn-flavoured crisps turn out to include three mushroom-flavoured ones, we are inclined to shrug; if Sir Gordon has his way we would stamp and scream for hours on end; but over there they instantly summon lawyers (Sir Gordon is a lawyer by profession — 'nuff said) and demand from the crisp-manufacturer damages of at least $460 million. (It is true that the case usually takes, adding up all its stages, 140 years, but since American juries rarely give less than $9 billion in damages, the descendants of the unfortunate figure who was so outraged at getting mushrooms when he ordered prawns will revel in the outcome — or at least they will do so until the lawyers' bill arrives.)

There are glorious horizons before us, provided that Sir Gordon keeps his nerve. If his dream of 70 million complaints is to come true in its finest form we must organise society to ensure that every man, woman and child (babies under three by proxy) has a complaint outstanding throughout the complaining-year. That will, as you can see, leave 15 million complaints unmade; the obvious solution, of course, is to urge the people to greater heights, by, say, giving some kind of prize for the citizen who makes the greatest fuss in the greatest number of varieties; alternatively, we could relax the immigration rules to the extent of putting hopeful immigrants under an obligation to complain to Sir Gordon about something (or anything) if their temporary residents permits are to be changed for permanent ones.

Another promising way of bumping up the total would be to extend Sir Gordon's powers in yet another direction. At present, neighbours who fall out (overhanging trees, barking dogs, loud music, foul-mouthed lodgers, drunken parties — the list is endless, or it could be if Sir Gordon put his mind to it) have no recourse other than to grin and bear it or go to law. If "fair trading" were to be extended to the wholly private sector we could break the 70 million barrier in no time, and set our sights at the 100 million mark, at the trifling cost of setting half the population against the other half.

When will we British learn to go about all day and much of the night in a filthy temper? When will we understand that if we have a mild grievance we should at once blow it up into a giant feud, if possible breaking half a dozen lifelong friendships in the course of doing so? When will we understand that complaining, if done with sufficient unpleasantness, could make everybody unhappy for ever?

When Sir Gordon gets his way, I suppose. There is a quicker way, of course, which is to close down the Office of Fair Trading. But — oh, my word — wouldn't he complain!

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

How was it for you? For us in the Peak District, Saturday morning's electrical storm was spectacular. At 9.19 precisely the lightning struck a power line. A blinding flash, a bang more the crack of a whip than the usual cottonwool rumble, and a shower of sparks streamed like a Roman candle from the transformer on the pole nearby.

Power was cut. My kitchen clock froze. In a field on the opposite hillside, a solitary white horse galloped crazily towards the skyline. Mrs Yeomans's dog tore off and is still missing.

I'm afraid we were all still in bed. The better part of a dozen guests were staying, installed in various bedrooms or on sofas downstairs. All of us had independently rushed to the windows to watch. The sound of the really big crack shattered into echoes, ricocheting around the hills, and died.

In the silence that followed, each of us looked from side to side and saw all the others. The front of the house had heads poking out of every window, like the elaborately staged denouement of a bedroom farce.

Except I was wrong to say *all* the others. In a head count of the visible heads, two (unmarried) were missing. The storm had occurred for them during a denouement of a more intimate kind. We heard about it over breakfast soon afterwards. Apparently it was at a highly personal moment that the lightning struck.

Put yourself in their place. It would be hard, would it not, to avoid the suspicion that the thunderbolt had been intended as a signal of divine disapproval, a personal message, just for you: a celestial thundergram. Of course you would brush the suspicion aside as mere superstition, and yet...

A certain unease would linger. I mean, *could* it have been complete coincidence? Though we know in our heads that there are thousands of thunderclaps and that millions of people hear them, in our hearts might lurk the feeling that this particular one, coming at the instant it did, was meant for us.

Though it is beyond my powers to calculate this, many millions must have witnessed one or more sensational lightning strikes this Saturday. The moment will have come in an extraordinary variety of personal circumstances.

By the law of averages alone, we may assume a proportion of these lightning strikes will have been in some way pointed or meaningful for those concerned. Someone, perhaps, may have been caught, pen in hand, starting a love letter, a farewell note or an angry diatribe. Another may have been glancing just on the instant at a photograph of someone significant in their lives; yet another may have been poised to strike a relative from their will.

Only a tiny proportion I saw: but a tiny proportion of many millions is still a cathedral-full of people. When I lived in Kingston, Jamaica, news came to us of an evangelist preacher in the inland hill country who was standing on a box in the open air, leading a crowd of converts in prayer. The prayer was an impassioned plea to the Almighty to forgive them their sins, some of which he had been listing.

At the climax of this plea, the preacher lifted his arms to the heavens, shouted "Salvation! Hallelujah!" and a bolt of lightning struck him off his box, dead. The congregation fled in panic.

We may laugh, but had we been present it would have been difficult to see the occurrence as being without significance.

Perhaps every big electrical storm creates at least a handful of individuals with a lifetime conviction that there is a supernatural force eyeing their every move. Each tempest, so to speak, leaves behind a little crop of missionaries. If so, it is a pity that thunderbolts are far the most dramatic special effects of which the weather is capable, and that we link thunderbolts with celestial disapproval.

We begin to associate the heavens with censorship only: always the stick and never the carrot. Yet we are capable of virtue, too, so could not there be an equally dramatic sign from the sky which (when it coincided with a good deed) the doer could take to indicate approval? A loud harmonious bong produced by sunspots, or something?

Such a sign might cheer up that couple staying at my house. Apparently the thunderclap produced a moment of profound moral shock. "Oh God," she said, "I'm a Catholic."

THE TIMES DIARY

Owen for Cambridge?

When Dr David Owen visited Selwyn College in Cambridge yesterday to address the Tory Reform Group on the social market, he may have been contemplating the advantages of a more permanent stay among the dreaming spires. The former foreign secretary's name is being linked with the post of master of Sidney Sussex College, his alma mater.

The job becomes vacant next July, a convenient moment if, as many expect, the general election is in June. Owen has not formally declared whether he intends to fight the election, but few in his Plymouth constituency expect him to do so. Owen himself declines to discuss the possibility. "We never comment on rumour and speculation," says his office.

Owen has all the right qualifications for Sidney Sussex. As foreign secretary, he was made an honorary fellow of the college, and his medical training would also fit the college tradition: both Donald Northcote, the incumbent and master since 1976, and his predecessor had scientific backgrounds.

Since the demise of the SDP, Owen's name has been linked with many senior jobs. Last winter it was rumoured that he might go to the United Nations as high commissioner for refugees — speculation that began, it now emerges, after a personal approach from Douglas Hurd. The foreign secretary presumably thought the doctor's experience as Britain's best known political refugee would stand him in good stead.

Owen turned down Hurd's suggestion, but may find it harder to resist the idea of life in the quiet pastures of academe where Lord Jenkins and Shirley Williams, his former Gang of Four colleagues, already safely graze.

● *John Major will play host to President Gorbachev on his visit to London for the G7 meeting next week by taking him to the opera. And what could be more fitting for the Soviet leader than a visit to the Royal Opera's production of Rossini's* La Cenerentola, *otherwise known as Cinderella (yes, Mikhail, you too can go to the economic summit)? But, anxious to get Gorbachev safely home before the pumpkin-turning hour, the two leaders will leave after the first act for another engagement.*

Put out more flags

The fledgling Slovenian government yesterday dispatched its first minister to Britain. Nevenkar Cresnar, the 29-year-old assistant energy minister, has been sent to fly the Slovenian flag at a one-day conference today under the auspices of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Her task is simple: to encourage European recognition of an independent Slovenia.

"It is important to be here to explain why Slovenia wants independence," she says. "We need the support of the international community." In fact, the visit was planned long before Slovenia's declaration of independence, but Cresnar, originally to attend as a representative of Yugoslavia, was not going to miss such an opportunity.

Equally unscripted, her three-day stop in London coincided with a demonstration yesterday in Trafalgar Square for Slovenian independence. Unaware of the demo until informed by this diary, Cresnar cut short her interview to attend. Who were we to object?

Still life with gallery

The Queen's visit to the National Gallery to open the Sainsbury wing tomorrow will be a rare event. Although the gallery houses more than 100 pictures from her own collection, the opening will be only the third occasion on which the Queen has made the short trip down Pall Mall to the gallery in Trafalgar Square. Her last visit was to open the northern extension in 1975, 13 years after her only other recorded visit in 1962.

"We are the only great European national collection not to be based on a royal one," says the gallery. But it insists there is no lack of regal interest, pointing to "literally hundreds" of visits by the Prince of Wales, who is a trustee. Yet his interest merely serves to emphasise how unusual it will be to have a monarch with such a passionate interest in the arts, for even the Queen's infrequent visits are plentiful in comparison with those of her predecessors. Queen Victoria made a single visit in 1838 and George V visited with Queen Mary on Palm Sunday in 1934.

And the rest? Perhaps they secretly agreed with the views of Constable, who wrote: "Should there ever be a national gallery it will be the end of art in England."

● *Going to bed with a good book is about to take on a whole new meaning in Bedworth, Warwickshire. With the Home Office dropping its 1949 ban on condom vending machines in public places, the district council is planning to install them in its public libraries.*

Off with his head

With exquisite timing Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat MP who last week introduced a bill that would make the Queen pay income tax, is off to Buckingham Palace to meet his sovereign. He will be one of a handful of MPs among the guests at a garden party on Thursday.

Such invitations are a perk of the job and there is no question of someone at Buckingham Palace employing a mischievous sense of humour. The invitation to Hughes was issued months ago, and the timing is pure coincidence.

Hughes, who has never met the Queen, says he hopes for "an informal chat". And does he plan to discuss the contents of his notorious constitutional reform bill? "Only if she raises the subject first," he says diplomatically.

● *Anne and Michael Heseltine have recently been giving selected journalists a rare guided tour of their Thenford home. But was it wise to allow the young reporter from* Harpers & Queen *to use the downstairs loo? She will indiscreetly reveal in the magazine's August issue that it contains a lavatory-paper holder bearing the face of, yes, Mrs Thatcher.*

FOOLING ALL THE PEOPLE

The seizure of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International's worldwide assets last Friday was a technically brilliant piece of coordination by the Bank of England. Murmurings from Washington that the Old Lady moved with arthritic slowness should be as sceptically received as the all-perceiving hindsight of Labour spokesmen. The American authorities discovered last year that BCCI had used deception to buy a Washington-based bank in defiance of a prohibition by the Securities Exchange Commission, yet did not close down its US operations. Britain, alone of the 69 countries in which BCCI operated, uncovered evidence of serious fraud and moved to close it down.

None of this is of any comfort to tens of thousands of depositors, including many small entrepreneurs in this country. The Bank of England now says that BCCI's senior executives have been falsifying accounts to conceal their losses for several years. The monetary authorities in Luxembourg, BCCI's legal home base, say that these losses were so heavy that BCCI would probably have folded this week. If this was the best that could be done to protect investors, the best is not good enough.

Ever since its founding in 1972, BCCI has been a snakepit for auditors, so secretive that until last year even the names of its ultimate shareholders were closely guarded secrets. The inaccessibility of its books led the Bank of America to shed its 30 per cent holding in 1980. BCCI's operations were deliberately fragmented, making it almost impossible for any one country's regulators to get a true picture. Its management was able to mislead Price Waterhouse, one of the world's most rigorous auditors, for years.

The mystery is how BCCI, which has been little trusted by the banking fraternity, could have been given such ample room to grow. In particular, the Bank of England needs to explain why it allowed BCCI to retain its legal home in Luxembourg yet conduct most of its treasury and lending business in the City and run a retail banking service in Britain. The standard answer is that as a leading financial centre, Britain must allow banks incorporated elsewhere to open branches for money-market operations. But in 1978, BCCI itself told the Bank of England that it wanted far more than such standard facilities, asking for 200 branches.

The Bank refused unless BCCI brought in substantial capital and agreed to be incorporated in London. BCCI refused. Yet instead of limiting BCCI to one or two branches, the Bank unwisely allowed it a ceiling of 45. By last week, the number was down from an earlier 43 to 25, but that was due solely to BCCI's spiralling financial difficulties, not to regulatory discipline.

The 1987 Banking Act enables the Bank of England to move against a non-incorporated bank if satisfied that its capital is inadequate, its owners are not "fit and proper" to run a bank, or if it fails to supply documents. It does not allow the Bank to regulate its operations outside the UK, or subpoena documents from abroad. The authorities in the bank's "home" country remain responsible for policing its worldwide operations.

Even after convictions of BCCI officials here and in America for laundering drugs money, and despite knowledge of serious BCCI losses on international markets in the 1980s, the Bank had to wait for evidence of fraud. Its powers were clearly inadequate to catch in good time so slippery an eel.

The case thus raises important questions of principle, above all in the context of the European Community's single financial market. From January 1993, the EC banking directive will allow a bank incorporated in any member of the EC to operate in London. Rules and standards of regulation differ widely in the EC. The Luxembourg monetary authorities, BCCI's "home" base, evidently had no idea what BCCI was up to. Luxembourg does not serve as lender of last resort. Before 1993, the Bank of England should insist on compatible rules and full sharing of intelligence between the 12. A European financial centre is worth only as much as its reputation. To that, BCCI has dealt a potentially damaging blow.

WINDS OF DURBAN

When Douglas Hurd arrives in South Africa today, he will find the map of black politics greatly altered. At its first national congress for decades in Durban, the African National Congress did not turn itself into a democratic party. It still proclaims itself a "liberation movement". But the irruption into the leadership of younger politicians who had made their way up through the United Democratic Front means the beginning of the end for the doctrinaire exiles who have run the ANC for a generation. With the emergence of the miners' leader Cyril Ramaphosa as secretary-general, a challenge to the ANC's hardliners could come soon.

The militant wing of the ANC, which includes the South African Communist party, remains powerful. About half of the seats on the 90-strong National Executive Committee are thought to be in the hands of SACP members. The armed struggle may have been officially abandoned but Chris Hani, the ANC guerilla hero, was among those elected to the ruling NEC. So too was Winnie Mandela whose conviction in the Stompie affair appears to have done little to undermine her. There were wild claims that all black-on-black violence in the townships was deliberately caused by whites, and that the ANC should boycott any all-party congress set up by President F.W. de Klerk. Nelson Mandela declared, a little ambiguously, that sanctions should continue.

But there were hopeful signs too. The strong trade union element inside the ANC is unhappy with the communist cabal, whom it suspects of undermining talks with the government. Alfred Nzo, the retiring secretary-general, talked about the ANC's failure to recruit members among the white, coloured and Indian populations. That failure will continue as long as these groups fear that the ANC remains an old-style popular front organisation. It is also clear that the ANC is eager for dialogue, despite the fears of activists that too much has already been conceded to the government. A bicameral system, popular with the white National Party, would win over much of the ANC too.

The foreign secretary must tread a careful path in his private talks between dwelling on Mr de Klerk's progress in abolishing apartheid, and emphasising the need to move to the next stage. Mr Hurd will also be meeting, among others, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Andries Treurnicht, leaders of Inkatha and the Conservatives respectively. Each represents interests which could block a settlement. The ANC's promise of "mass action" is unlikely to relieve the tension between Zulus and Xhosas. But nobody should confuse urban gangsterism, which is what most black-on-black violence is about, with destabilising civil war.

Apart from preparing the way for John Major's visit to South Africa, possibly later this year, Mr Hurd can usefully do two things on this visit. One is to say as little as possible about sanctions in public. The other is to tell Mr Mandela in private that the easing of sanctions is inevitable and that, by hindering this process, the ANC is doing itself no good in Europe. Having lost their original function, sanctions have become little more than an expression of ANC political machismo. Insofar as they have any impact, it is merely to hamper South Africa's exports and thus depress black employment.

Mr Hurd should stay aloof from all this. But there is some purchase in building bridges to the new ANC hierarchy, especially Mr Ramaphosa. Even a black-dominated South Africa might need British help. And it would do Mr Major no harm for black Africa to regard him as less rigid than his predecessor, correct though she was in her view of the continent. South Africa has entered a period of political uncertainty, buffeted by right and left, with no assurance of a stable outcome. The best advice the outside world can offer is the least.

MANY MORE FOR TENNIS

This year's Wimbledon lawn tennis championships had the charm and sparkle of Andre Agassi and Jennifer Capriati, a gripping see-saw of a match in the women's final, and a stunning success for an unheralded player in the men's final. That was on court. Off court, the organisers had the wettest opening week since the championships began in 1877 and opened for the first time on the middle Sunday. Instead of advance sales, it was first come, first served. The event was youthful and fun, like the Proms at the Albert Hall or Covent Garden.

Wimbledon enjoyed the experiment and must now find ways to repeat it. The organisers should plead for a special exemption from safety legislation that was directed primarily at football. Seating had to be installed at Wimbledon on either side of the centre court, where 2,000 mainly young people who had queued overnight for standing room used to cheer and hoot the stars.

These unrestrained enthusiasts gave Wimbledon its exuberance. If Wimbledon does not want (or achieve) exemption, it should consider welcoming them in other ways. Some tickets for the show courts could be sold only on the day of play. Another show court could be built specifically for spectators who have not booked in advance.

Wimbledon's popularity is growing. But men's matches in grass-court championships still occasionally breed frustration. Because the ball's speed is far higher than on clay or concrete, the server has an exceptional advantage and rallies tend to be fewer and shorter. The problem is made worse by keeping the balls in pressurised containers. If it wants to shed its "brawn tennis" image, Wimbledon should be arguing hard for using slightly lower-pressure balls.

Wimbledon is now profitable. Last year, £9.6 million was passed on to the Lawn Tennis Association. Few sports in Britain are as rich as tennis; in few does Britain make as little international impact. The number and quality of tennis facilities have risen in recent years. More are needed, but the real reason for the absence of a British man from the world's top 200 or woman from the top 80 is that the gifted junior players lack the very best, world-class coaching they would get elsewhere.

There are many worthy British coaches within the LTA system and outside it. But only Stefan Edberg's coach, Tony Pickard, is of true international standing. The answer is to look abroad. This year, the LTA hired Olga Morozova of the Soviet Union to coach Britain's best girl players; the early signs are encouraging. Now the LTA is negotiating with Nick Bollettieri, the American whose alumni include Agassi, Jim Courier, Pete Sampras and Monica Seles, to work here, along with some of his leading coaches.

Mr Bollettieri is badly needed to transform promising British juniors into title-winning (or at least title-threatening) seniors. The British like to believe that they stage the best tennis tournament in the world. It is time Britain had some players worthy of appearing in it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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TV's shut window on wider world

From the Director of the International Broadcasting Trust and others

Sir, As a group of leading national voluntary bodies concerned with international issues, we have taken a close interest in the recent broadcasting legislation and the process of awarding the franchises for Channel 3 television.

The importance of ITV's contribution to public awareness of global development and environmental issues cannot be underestimated. Documentary programmes on international issues scheduled at peak-time have given the public in-depth coverage of a vital range of issues. These programmes have an indispensible role to play in complementing news and current affairs' foreign coverage, which is largely crisis and conflict orientated.

Having made a detailed examination of the applications for the new franchises, we are extremely concerned that most of them are devoid of programme proposals for documentaries on global environment and Third World issues.

In general, Channel 3 applicants appear not to have given international issues consideration in their programme plans or to have pushed them into off-peak schedules. We are also concerned that the interpretation of regional requirements in virtually all of the applications will inevitably lead to parochialism at a time when, as a society, we need to be promoting a much greater public sense of international interdependence.

There are obviously exceptions to this general trend. Granada, for instance, bidding for the North West area, intend to continue their excellent series, *Disappearing World* and *World in Action*. The general outlook, however, is bleak, particularly as the franchises are to be awarded for a period of ten years. If these proposals are implemented in their present form, they will, for a very large number of people, effectively close a window on the world.

Yours faithfully,
PADDY COULTER, Director,
International Broadcasting Trust,
JULIAN FILOCHOWSKI (Cafod),
DAVID GEE (Friends of the Earth),
MALCOLM HARPER
(United Nations Association),
JUDD (Oxfam),
GEORGE MEDLEY
(Worldwide Fund for Nature (UK)),
MICHAEL TAYLOR (Christian Aid),
2 Ferdinand Place, NW1.
July 5.

Lecture withdrawal

From the Managing Director of the BBC World Service

Sir, Sometimes, to the disappointment of the media conspirators, words and actions should be taken at their face value.

Pressure of work is the only explanation for my decision to pull out of the MacTaggart lecture (report, July 6). As to talk of my resignation, I have not laughed so much in months.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN TUSA, Managing Director,
BBC World Service,
Television Centre,
Wood Lane, W12.

Sex before marriage

From Mr John H. Deam

Sir, Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto's letter (June 29) on Clifford Longley's "new trails in religious morality" bristles with assumptions and implications that should not go unchallenged. To take but two:

First, "the Church and Synagogue should face the sad fact that the romantic idealisation of marriage *often* leads to deep disillusionment", he says (my italics). Very well, so they should. However, the spirit of the age which speaks against any restraint on sexual intercourse between consenting adults should not be allowed to obscure the sad fact that extra-marital intercourse "often" leads to deep disillusionment (and worse). So, how often is "often"?

Second, "for many mature young people, living together, of which sexual intercourse is a relatively minor aspect..." Is the Church, then, to say, "it's OK for *mature* young people"? This carries the implication that the immature will (or should) exercise a degree of restraint not required of the mature. Is this good teaching?

True Christianity, insofar as it acknowledges the divine spark (however dim) in all human beings, is leading humanity to find the truth within rather than to obey external authority.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN H. DEAM,
94 Northover Road,
Westbury on Trym, Bristol, Avon.

Stricter checks for asylum-seekers

From the Director General of Save the Children

Sir, The protection of the growing number of children and families forced by war and persecution to flee their homes is a challenge that the international community must rise to with a swift and humanitarian response. It is disappointing that the measures announced by the Home Secretary yesterday (report, July 3) will do nothing to help the UK meet that humanitarian challenge.

While Save the Children accepts that some asylum-seekers may be attempting to enter the UK illegally, resorting to the numbers game can only mean genuine refugees will be denied political protection. This is a clear contravention of the spirit of the 1951 Refugee Convention.

The UK has, for many years, provided a refuge for people suffering persecution or torture at the hands of their own governments. Save the Children is particularly concerned to see that all asylum-seekers have access to legal advice and a full right to an independent appeal. Rules and guidelines to be followed by immigration staff should be published.

Special attention has to be paid to the needs of refugee children, especially those who arrive unaccompanied. As has been suggested previously, a new agency should have responsibility to oversee the arrangements for the care of such children.

There should also be increased recognition of settlement issues for people who need support in the short term. Refugees in the UK must have adequate housing, income, education and training to help them achieve self-sufficiency.

Asylum has always been an honourable tradition in Britain. It would be a tragedy if new regulations meant that genuine asylum-seekers were denied their proper humanitarian rights.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
Director General,
Save the Children,
Mary Datchelor House,
17 Grove Lane, SE5.
July 3.

From Mr Tara K. Mukherjee

Sir, You are totally right to point out (leading article, July 3) that the home secretary should not deny the legal advice a refugee or asylum-seeker would need to press his or her claim.

However, as to the wider issues, racial prejudice could spread when the internal frontiers of the EC are dismantled in 1993. We in this organisation are afraid that while migrants from eastern Europe will come in vast numbers, the Community will shut the gate on migrants, the refugees and genuine asylum-seekers from Third World countries.

There ought to be, there must be, a common immigration and integration policy which must not be racially discriminatory, notwithstanding the right of the member states to decide who should come into that country and who should not. Otherwise, a fortress Europe is very much on the cards.

Ypurs faithfully,
TARA K. MUKHERJEE
(President),
Forum des Migrants,
A-1/6-30 rue de la Loi 200,
B-1049 Brussels.
July 7.

From Mr Roger Smith

Sir, The government has just announced that it intends to prevent those with immigration queries from receiving advice and assistance from solicitors under the legal-aid green-form scheme. In future, the only source of help will be the Home Office-funded United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service (UKIAS).

The green-form scheme is intended to provide initial help with any question of English law. Its strength is that clients do not have to classify their problems before they start. UKIAS is an important second-tier service for those faced with tribunal hearings — but it operates from only 11 locations. It is not an accessible local first port of call for those who are uncertain where they stand. Nor does it provide wider legal assistance.

The Legal Aid Board, appointed by the Lord Chancellor, considered whether any areas of work should be transferred from the green-form scheme to a salaried service in 1989. It warned of the "strong disadvantages" in awarding "monopoly contracts" to only one agency. These are particularly serious where the only source of help available is funded directly by the departments against whom cases are brought, so that clients are not necessarily convinced of their independence.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER SMITH (Director),
The Legal Action Group,
242-244 Pentonville Road, N1.
July 5.

From Mr Richard Bourne

Sir, The obvious point about the present increase in applicants for asylum in Britain is that those concerned would not risk their luck if their lives at home did not seem unendurable. Since many are applying from other member states in the Commonwealth, the British government now has a strong motive to support Commonwealth action to strengthen fundamental human rights in all of them.

This non-governmental initiative, which advocates a comprehensive Commonwealth policy in this field, urges the government to negotiate with our partners and to put precise proposals to the Harare summit in October. We wish to see useful Commonwealth activity here as a matter of principle; but Britain is not the only member for whom it is a matter of self-interest too.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD BOURNE (Director),
Commonwealth Human Rights
Initiative,
27-28 Russell Square, WC1.
July 4.

Labour's deterrent

From the Chairman of the Conservative party

Sir, Norris McWhirter is not alone in failing to get a straight answer to the vital question whether or not a future Labour government would keep a nuclear deterrent whilst other countries have nuclear weapons (Bernard Levin's "A correspondence course in avoiding the issue", July 4). Like him, I have engaged in protracted correspondence with the Labour party — but to no avail.

At Labour's press launch of the policy document, *Opportunity Britain*, on April 16, Neil Kinnock stated that Labour has "at no stage... made a commitment to get rid of all nuclear weapons for as long as others have them" and Gerald Kaufman accused me of "a total and deliberate lie" in pointing out that Labour would negotiate away our entire deterrent in return for just a fraction of the Soviet nuclear arsenal.

Yet, the denial of a commitment to scrap all our nuclear weapons while others still retain some is very different form the confirmation of a commitment to keep them under such circumstances. All it means is that Labour is refusing to say what it would do on a vital national issue.

This evasiveness is understandable: Labour's nuclear unilateralism cost it dear in 1983 and 1987, but it cannot be dropped without alienating the heavy majority of CND supporters in the parliamentary Labour party. Since 68 per cent of voters want Britain to keep a deterrent in a nuclear-armed world, Labour is desperate to prevent the issue reappearing on the political agenda.

So, would a Labour government keep nuclear weapons as long as the Soviet Union (or other countries) kept them, Mr Kinnock, or would ours be negotiated away for only a fraction of those held by others? Yes or no?

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS PATTEN, Chairman,
The Conservative Party,
Conservative Central Office,
32 Smith Square, SW1.
July 5.

Paternoster issues

From Mr Robert Shaw

Sir, Sherban Cantacuzino (June 29) writes of the need for a "comprehensive plan for the whole area around St Paul's":

If one looks around this country and compares those places which have resulted from comprehensive plans, such as the post-war new towns, with communities which have developed organically over centuries, it is easy to tell which are pleasanter places in which to live and work.

Consider the inhuman scale of the present Paternoster development, remember how human-unfriendly is the Barbican; shudder at a South Bank arts centre that looks like the war-time "Atlantic Wall" defences. Then consider how many architects prefer to practise in the more quaint and old-world places like Hampstead and Islington.

Surely the lesson to be learned is that we have had too much comprehensive planning doing too much long-term damage to our country. The last thing we now need is more of it.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT SHAW (architect),
32 Foster Road,
Chiswick, W4.

Ancient cartography

From Professor Emeritus O. A. W. Dilke

Sir, Your correspondent, John Young, who briefly charts the history of map-making as a preliminary to his account of the Ordnance Survey (Focus, June 26), implies that no one in ancient times could achieve anything approaching accuracy beyond the "immediate locality, village or encampment." I must disagree.

Eratosthenes (*c.*275-194 BC) and Ptolemy (*fl.*, AD 127-148) did not live in a village: they lived in Alexandria, the greatest centre of learning in the Graeco-Roman world. Eratosthenes measured the circumference of the earth with what may be called reasonable accuracy, and made a map of the known world which unfortunately has not survived.

Ptolemy may indeed be considered the father of scientific cartography. In his *Almagest* he plotted the relative positions of stars. In his *Geography* he gave co-ordinates of latitude and longitude for thousands of places and natural features, not only in the Roman Empire, but beyond it in much of Europe and parts of Africa and Asia. His co-ordinates were carefully assessed from observation and calculations of distance, admittedly easier at that time with latitude than with longitude.

The history of cartography and the great age of exploration cannot be understood without some knowledge of the rediscovery of his *Geography* in the late Middle Ages and Renaissance; Columbus is known to have possessed a copy. Moreover, methods of survey, as practised by the Romans, were based on right-angles and measuring rods, and were extremely accurate.

We were able to prove this when we used models and had our surveys checked by theodolite in one case and by chain survey in another.

Yours etc.,
O. A. W. DILKE,
Moorfield, Huby,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
June 30.

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Threat to future of London's past

From Professor Martin Biddle, FBA

Sir, Since 1983 — and in the City since 1973 — London has had an integrated archaeological service unequalled in any of the world's major cities. As a result we know more about the prehistoric background and about the Roman, Anglo-Saxon and medieval cities than was ever believed possible.

This service is now threatened with dissolution. English Heritage has announced that it is setting up its own section to deal with planning and archaeology in London (report, July 1, later editions). To pay for this the grant originally provided by the GLC and paid since 1986 to the Museum of London through English Heritage is to be withdrawn.

In response, the museum has scrapped its existing archaeological teams, announcing at the end of last week the redundancy of a further 80 archaeologists. In their place the museum plans a self-funding team solely to undertake contract work, provided that the full costs of each project, including the curation of the finds *in perpetuity*, are paid by the client (i.e., the developer). Who can believe there will be many takers?

By its incautious action English Heritage is thus helping the museum to retreat into the comfortable world of curatorship. Together they are ruining an unrivalled service of ever-increasing potential. London's archaeology, of which they might well have been thought the guardians, is too important to be left in such hands.

The best hope lies with the London boroughs. They appear to be well satisfied with the service they have been receiving, covering as it does all aspects of archaeology from planning process to museum display and publication, and are sceptical of the ability or intention of the new proposals to replace it.

They should set up a new body to take over the existing operations, to which the Department of the Environment could then transfer directly the annual grant whose withdrawal by English Heritage has brought about the whole disaster.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BIDDLE (Chairman,
Council for British Archaeology,
Urban Research Committee),
Hertford College, Oxford.
July 3.

Through tickets on BR

From Mr Barry S. Doe

Sir, In your leading article, "Break up and sell" (July 4), you refer to new rail divisions being "kicked into the private sector". It is to be regretted that after the railways have for too long been subject to political football you take the analogy too far.

The great thing about British Rail is that it is just that: Britain's railway *network* (singular). As you admit it is so cost-effective, why propose something no other European railway is contemplating — destroying the single network?

When the National Bus Company was abolished each new company did its own thing and out went many through-ticketing facilities that customers had enjoyed. That might not be perceived as too important for bus companies, which are mainly local, but it would be a tragedy if it happened with railways.

Someone living in Sevenoaks can currently book a ticket to Aberystwyth valid on Network SouthEast, InterCity and regional railways — all three being necessary to complete the journey. Do you imagine that, with the abolition of a single network, this facility would still exist, any more than it did with buses?

Yours sincerely,
BARRY S. DOE,
Travadvice,
25 Newmorton Road,
Moordown,
Bournemouth, Dorset.

Glue-ear operations

From Mrs M. H. Morgan

Sir, As the parent of a child who suffered from glue ear (letters, June 26) for three years before being correctly diagnosed and treated some 23 years ago, I can only say what an enormous benefit and relief the operation and insertion of grommets was to both the child and his by then exhausted parents.

Not only did the treatment give relief to the deafness that was beginning to cause the child speech difficulties, but more importantly it gave the child pain-free nights and therefore all of us blissful sleep! To us it seemed like a miracle.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN MORGAN,
Strefford House,
Strefford,
Craven Arms,
Shropshire.
July 1.

Early influence?

From Dr Malcolm Tozer

Sir, This year's Common Entrance science papers included questions on childbirth. The request in one section to name something that a baby needed before birth yet could later survive without, was answered by a candidate at this school — "the biblical cord".

Is the Church now extending its influence to the before-life?

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM TOZER (Headmaster),
Northamptonshire Grammar School,
Pitsford Hall,
Pitsford, Northampton.
June 30.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 6: The Queen was represented by the Very Reverend Doctor William Morris (Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland) at the Memorial Service for the Reverend Professor Edgar Dickie (Extra Chaplain to Her Majesty in Scotland) which was held in St Leonard's Church, St Andrews, this morning.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 6: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon unveiled a Memorial in Aberdeen to those who lost their lives in the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 6: The Prince of Wales attended a performance of Haydn's *Creation* at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, in aid of the Bodleian Library.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt).

Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser, RN, was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 6: The Duke of Kent, President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, was present this afternoon at the Championship Meeting at Wimbledon and presented challenge trophies to the winners.

Mrs Julian Tomkins and Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys were in attendance.

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Mrs Fiona Henderson and Commander Roger Walker, RN, were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 7: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy this afternoon attended the Finals of the All England Lawn Tennis Club Championship Meeting at Wimbledon.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester celebrate the 19th anniversary of their marriage today.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr N.G. Farndale
and Miss M.J. Craig-McFeely**
The engagement is announced between Nigel Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Farndale, of Wensley, North Yorkshire, and Mary Joanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Craig-McFeely, of Liss, Hampshire.

**Mr J.L. Flax
and Miss M.R. Silvela Cienfuegos-Jovellanos**
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of the late Nat Flax and of Mrs A.J. Flax, of Cheadle, Cheshire, and Maria, daughter of Señores de Silvela Cienfuegos-Jovellanos of Asturias, Spain.

**Mr R.G. Goodwin
and Miss N. Slater**
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Dr and Mrs P. Goodwin, of Ringwood, Hampshire, and Naomi, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jo Slater, of Christ's Hospital, Horsham, Sussex.

**Mr S.B. Leake
and Miss V.A. Whiston**
The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs H.B. Leake, of Old Linslade, Bedfordshire, and Valerie, daughter of Mrs M.E. Whiston and the late Mr G.J.A. Whiston, of Dorking, Surrey.

**Captain C.E. Pettifer
and Miss C.M. Wyatt**
The engagement is announced between Captain Charles Edward Pettifer, Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Pettifer, and Camilla Mary, daughter of Major Michael Wyatt and Mrs John Williams.

**Mr D.R. Waller
and Miss J.O.C.C. Welch**
The engagement is announced between David Ross Waller, elder son of Mr John Waller, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire, and Mrs Jennifer Doughty, of Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria, and Jane Olive Comrie Cullum Welch, younger twin daughter of Sir John Welch, Bt, and Lady Welch, of London, SW6.

**Mr R.G.W. Williams
and Miss F.E.L. Hales**
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr R.W. Williams, of Gomshall, Surrey, and the late Mrs Anne Williams, and Fiona, daughter of Mr Philip Hales, of Ashwell, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Mary Elizabeth Hales, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Birthdays today

Lord Allen of Abbeydale, 79; Mr Jon Bannenberg, yacht designer, 62; Dr R.S. Barnes, metallurgist, 67; Dr Kate Bertram, former president, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 79; Mr R.A. Biggam, chief executive, BICC, 53; the Hon Mrs Corsar, chairman, WRVS, 64; Sir Peter Darby, former Chief Inspector of Fire Services, 67; Mr Keith Fielding, rugby player, 42; Sir Ian Gilmour, MP, 65; Sir Roy Griffiths, a deputy chairman, J. Sainsbury, 65; Mr Bruce Gyngell, managing-director of TV-am, 62; Dr D.B. Harden, former director, London Museum, 90; Mr Bernard Henderson, chairman, Anglian Water, 63; Mr Brian Hitchen, editor, *The Daily Star*, 55; Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, MP, 67.

Major-General R.B Loudoun, former director, Mental Health Foundation, 69; Viscount Mersey, 57; Mr David Metcalfe, insurance broker, 64; the Right Rev Derek Rawcliffe, former Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, 70; Viscount Samuel, 69; Herr Walter Scheel, former president, West Germany, 72; Sir Roy Shaw, former secretary-general, Arts Council of Great Britain, 73; Mr Brian Walden, broadcaster, 59; Sir Peter Watkin Williams, former Chief of Justice of Malawi, 80; Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, 74.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, will visit Hunstanton Golf Club, Norfolk, at 12.15.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a performance of *Tosca* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, at 7.20.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the London Symphony Chorus, will attend a concert at the Albert Hall at 7.20.

Princess Alexandra, as chancellor, will preside at ceremonies for the conferment of degrees at Lancaster University at 12.45.

Dinner

English-Speaking Union
The Rev Dr Ernest Nicholson, Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, was the guest of honour and speaker at the opening dinner of the international summer conference of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth held last night at Oriel College. Mr David Hicks, director-general of the ESU, and Mrs Dene Newman, director of the conference, received the guests. Sir John Leahy presided.

Colonel Terence

Anniversaries

DEATHS: Edward, the Black Prince, London, 1376; Christian Huygens, physicist, The Hague, 1695; Percy Bysshe Shelley, drowned off Leghorn, 1822; Sir Henry Raeburn, painter, Edinburgh, 1823; Sir William Edward Parry, Arctic explorer, Ems, Germany, 1855; Anthony Hope, pseudonym of Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins, novelist, Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, 1933; Havelock Ellis, physician and writer, Washbrook, Suffolk, 1939; Vivien Leigh, actress, 1967; Wilfred Rhodes, Yorkshire and England cricketer, Broadstone, Dorset, 1973.

Mill Hill School

The Court of Governors of Mill Hill School has appointed Mr Euan MacAlpine, MA, MSc, as Head Master to succeed Mr Alastair Graham, MA, who retires in September 1992. Mr MacAlpine, who holds a First Class Honours degree in Pure Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, is currently Headmaster of Bedales School and was formerly a House Master at Winchester.

Phoebette Sitwell

A memorial service for Phoebette Sitwell, will be held in Westminster Abbey at 6.15 pm on Monday, September 2, 1991. If you wish to attend, please would you notify the Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 2, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, so that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made. Tickets will not be required.

Old Etonian Association

The Old Etonian Association will produce an up-dated List of Members this October (available to Members only). Members who believe that their addresses or styles are missing or incorrect should send details (including postcode) by July 15, to Clerk to the OEA, Carter Centre, Eton College, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 6DB.

Saddlers' Company

At a Court Meeting held on July 2, the following were elected Master and Wardens of the Saddlers' Company for the ensuing year, to take office on July 23:

Master, Mr D.J. Serrell-Watts; Key Warden, Mr K.D. Luxford; Quarter Warden, Mr A.D.G. Welch; Renter Warden, Mr H.J.C. Pulley.

The Election Day service was held at the Parish Church of St

OBITUARIES

DR JULIUS GRANT

Dr Julius Grant, forensic scientist, died on July 5 aged 89. He was born in London on October 19, 1901.

THE death of Julius Grant brings to an end a career as a forensic scientist which extended from before the second world war and continued virtually until his death. His skills were employed in solving many cases of forgery, most topically that of the so-called Hitler diaries which had been pronounced to be genuine by the German magazine *Stern* in 1983. They were on the verge of serialisation in *The Sunday Times* when Grant confirmed for the paper what had been already indicated from Germany – that they were fakes. He took precisely five hours to establish that the diaries were not genuine, after they had been authenticated for Times Newspapers by the historian Lord Dacre of Glanton (Hugh Trevor-Roper). The final episode of a television dramatisation of the story of the diaries and their exposure, *Selling Hitler* (also the title of Robert Harris's book), is being shown on ITV tomorrow night.

Dr Julius Grant inspecting pages from the "Hitler diaries"

From the field of paper chemistry Julius Grant moved into document examination and ultimately into forensic science. His private practice of Hehner and Cox was widely used by the legal profession in both civil and criminal cases and was particularly valued in the latter. However he became known to a broader public through his involvement in three post-war cases with an international dimension. He carried out the examination of documents purporting to show the involvement of Archbishop Makarios in EOKA activities during the struggle for independence in Cyprus and of the alleged diaries of Mussolini. He always quoted his role in the latter case as an example of the value of personal experience. The diaries were offered for sale in 1967 and were submitted to a variety of experts for authentication. Julius Grant was asked to examine the paper in the diaries and notebooks to establish whether it was consistent with the stated age. The 1925 diary was anomalous since it was made of paper which he knew was not being made in Italy even as early as 1937. This was because he had spent part of that year in Italy studying paper manufacture on behalf of a British company of which he was chief chemist. Furthermore he was able to eliminate the two other sources of that particular composition of paper because of his experiences of that time.

The third major case in which he was involved was the Hitler diaries. Again his knowledge of the history of the paper-making industry was as important as his scientific skills in confirming what the German Bundesarchiv had already reported about the documents. Moistening the edges of six pages he teased out some of the fibres which he examined under a microscope. This showed him that the paper was a mixture of virgin pulp and high-grade recycled paper, a common enough practice and, in itself, not of significance. What was important was that the chemical used in the manufacture of the high-grade paper had only come into use after the war. The diaries, purportedly written in 1932 and 1935, were manifestly fakes. "It was frustrating to think that if only I could have had the diaries earlier, everyone would have been saved a lot of trouble", Grant later commented, "and it was depressing when I compared this case to the Mussolini diaries to see how history repeats itself in such a ridiculously exact way."

Julius Grant was born into a poor family in the East End of London. He took a degree in chemistry at Queen Mary College London and his doctorate at King's College. In 1931 he joined John Dickinson at Croxley Mills as one of the first really highly qualified scientist to enter the paper industry. During the war he helped develop edible papers for secret agents, forgery-proof ration book papers, prisoner of war letter papers for conveying intelligence from the heart of Germany and secret inks. After the war was over he was involved in the development of alternative materials for pulp and paper: rice straw, esparto grass and the ever plentiful waste paper.

But his bent was forensics. One of his early cases was the Alfie Hinds burglary of the Maples warehouse in which his testimony on the composition of the wood shavings found in Hinds's trouser turnups was decisive. He was involved in the investigation of the Great Train Robbery, the enquiry into the attempted assassination of Archbishop Makarios and, in another vein, into the restoration of the Leonardo cartoon. The exposure of the ingenious Tom Keating forgeries of pictures accepted by many experts as genuine samples of the work of Samuel Palmer also called on his expertise, while in the trial in Jerusalem in 1987 of John Demjanjuk accused of being "Ivan the Terrible" of the Treblinka concentration camp, he provided important testimony on whether certain signatures on wartime documents were authentic or not.

Julius Grant's scientific testimonies, always delivered in a totally unassuming manner, made a significant contribution to international justice over a period of 40 years. He was a founder member, secretary and president of the Forensic Science Society and a president of the Medico-Legal Society (though he belonged to neither the medical or the legal profession). He gave strong support to the Forensic Science Society from its formation in 1959. He allowed his practice to be used as its first registered office, contributed to its journal and was always ready to take part in discussions on the subject.

Latterly he might have wished to be professionally less active but found it hard to refuse requests for assistance. Only last autumn he attended the triennial meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences in Adelaide, a frail but still determined figure of undiminished mental powers. In this forum which provides an opportunity for the international community to exchange ideas in this dynamic area of science, he put forward his view that education in the field was a life-long process. As enjoined by Francis Bacon he held himself to be a debtor to his profession. He repaid that debt with interest.

He leaves his widow and a son and a daughter of a previous marriage.

GROUP CAPTAIN DENYS GILLAM

Group Captain Denys Edgar Gillam, DSO and two bars, DFC and bar, AFC, wartime fighter and fighter-bomber pilot, died on July 2 aged 75. He was born on November 18, 1915.

AS HIS tally of medals, three DSOs and two DFCs, suggests (in addition to a pre-war Air Force Cross), Denys Gillam had an action-packed and distinguished wartime career. It was also an extraordinarily long one, given the mental and physical stresses which accompany sustained combat flying. Gillam flew on operations in some of the first serious clashes with the Luftwaffe in early 1940; he fought throughout the Battle of Britain; in the year following he was highly successful in attacks on enemy shipping in the Channel; finally he survived all this to become one of the RAF's finest exponents of ground attack during the campaign in northwest Europe in 1944-45.

Of all his operations perhaps none was more spectacular than an attack on a Wehrmacht-occupied building in Dordrecht, Holland, in October 1940, which killed two German generals and 70 staff officers. This action tore the heart out of the headquarters organisation of the German 15th Army, caused local operational paralysis and left German forces defending Walcheren island completely cut off from sources of information. It was one of the most completely successful and satisfying surgical operations of the war.

The raid, carried out by five Typhoon squadrons of 146 Wing led by Gillam, was ordered when Dutch resistance tipped off British intelligence that a large number of high-ranking German officers was scheduled to meet in a building in a park in the centre of Dordrecht. At exactly 1300 hrs on October 24, 1944, flying ahead of the main formation of aircraft, Gillam himself marked the target perfectly, diving with all guns blazing from 6,000 feet to put his incendiaries and two 500lb bombs right on top of the building. Following up, the Typhoons completed the destruction.

A few days later the Dutch resistance movement reported that a large and spectacular German military funeral was to take place on a given day. Gillam and his pilots stood by to give this, too, the 146 Wing treatment. To their chagrin, alas, on the day the weather was overcast, preventing them from interfering with the obsequies in the lethal manner they had hoped for.

Denys Edgar Gillam was a Yorkshire man, educated at Bramcote, Scarborough, and at Wrekin College. He joined the RAF in 1935 and after training at Netheravon served for two years in a fighter squadron in the Middle East. He also served in the Meteorological Flight at Aldergrove, Northern Ireland, and was awarded his AFC in 1938 for courageous flying in very dirty weather conditions. The inhabitants of Rathlin island off the Antrim coast were in danger of starving after several days during which their food supplies were unable to reach them by boat. In a tricky operation in days before supply by air had become the commonplace feature it now is Gillam ensured that food was got through to them.

Early in 1940 he was made a flight commander of 616 "South Yorkshire" Squadron. In the air battles of August 15 (the RAF's most successful day of engagements) he shot down a Ju 88 bomber and followed it up just over a week later with an Me 109. He was very much in the thick of things from that point, claiming a number of other kills including fighters and bombers, Me 109s, Me 110s and Do 17s. He was awarded a DFC for his part in the battle.

For three months from September 1940 he was commanding officer of a Czech squadron, No 312, and scored its first kill, when a Ju 88 was shot down on October 8, 1940. In December 1940 he went to 306 Squadron, a Polish unit, and was prominent in the fighter sweeps made over enemy-occupied territory when Fighter Command went on the offensive. He next went to 615 squadron RAAF and got a bar to his DFC and his first DSO for his skill in pressing home attacks on enemy shipping.

He then had a period at the RAF staff college and later, after commanding a Typhoon wing, graduated from the US command and staff college as well. In the period before D-Day he commanded the Tangmere wing of Typhoons. There he made a name for himself as one of the RAF's most intelligent and resourceful exponents of ground attack with that aircraft, a failed fighter design which blossomed when converted to bombing and rocketing operations against armoured fighting vehicles and hardened defensive positions. Under the leadership and inspiration of men like Gillam ground attack began to achieve the kind of accuracy which larger strategic bombers never did throughout the war. He was awarded a bar to his DSO for the success of attacks on V-weapon sites.

This success reached its apotheosis after D-Day in the deadly accurate raids he he led as commander of 146 Wing of the 2nd Tactical Air Force and earned him his third DSO. He was officially credited with 9½ kills though his actual total is probably far in excess of that figure.

After the war Gillam, by then a group captain, reverted to the Royal Auxiliary Air Force as a flight lieutenant before going back into civilian life. He was active in public life as a deputy lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire and of the city and county of York. He was a director of Homfray and Co, the family carpet firm, from 1950 to 1981, and its chairman for the last ten years of that time. He leaves his widow, Irene, and a son and two daughters of his first marriage, to Nancye Joan Short, who died in 1982.

Marriages

**Mr M.D. Kenyon-Slade
and Miss R.B. Habgood**
The marriage took place on Saturday in York Minster of Mr M.D. Kenyon-Slade, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Kenyon-Slade, of Estcourt, South Africa, to Miss Ruth Habgood, younger daughter of the Archbishop of York and Mrs Habgood, of Bishopthorpe Palace, York. The father of the bride officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Francis J.S. Habgood, was attended by Miss Tanya Campbell and Miss Lisa Perkins. Mr Stephen Kenyon-Slade was best man.

A reception was held at Bishopthorpe Palace and the honeymoon will be spent in Scotland.

**Mr M.T. Boobbyer
and Miss C.M. Hannon**
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Patrick's, Coleraine, Northern Ireland, of Mr Mark Boobbyer, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Brian Boobbyer, of Little Rodd, Presteigne, Powys, to Miss Catherine Hannon, daughter of Mr Peter and Lady Fiona Hannon, of The Fort House, Dundooan, Coleraine. The Bishop of Clogher and the Rev Jeremy Crossley officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Veronica Hannon, Miss Frances Hume, Miss Rebecca Allen, Miss Karen Elliott and Miss Liesl Hendricks. Mr Philip Boobbyer was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

**Mr J.J. Pleydell-Bouverie
and Miss K.J. Pelly**
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St John the Baptist, Boylestone,

marriage by her father, was attended by Rebecca Louise Dykes, Rhiannon Smith, Gabriel Piers-Mantell, Ezra Piers-Mantell and Nathan Pleydell-Bouverie. Mr Mark Mathias was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

**Mr J.M.M. Baker
and Miss M.E.E. Smiley**
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Lawrence's, Chobham, Surrey, of Mr Jonathon Baker, son of Mr and Mrs John Baker, of Litton, near Bath, to Miss Melinda Smiley, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John and Lady Smiley, of Cornerway House, Chobham. The Rev Anthony Salmon officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charlotte Smiley, Sarah Smiley, Lucy Stewart-Richardson and James Wills. Mr Robert Copley was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**Mr C.M.S. Catherwood
and Miss C.P. Moore**
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Chapel of New College, Oxford, of Mr Christopher Martyn Stuart Catherwood, elder son of Sir Fred Catherwood, MEP, and Lady Catherwood, of Cambridge, to Miss Carolyn Paulette Moore, only daughter of the Rev John and Mrs Moore, of Richmond, Virginia. The Rev Dr Alister E. McGrath officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Anne Dever,

**Mr S.R.W. Baxter
and Miss V.J. Wingfield Digby**
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 6, 1991, at Sherborne Abbey, of Mr Simon Baxter, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Baxter, of Longburton House, Sherborne, and Miss Victoria Wingfield Digby, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Wingfield Digby, of Wake Court, Bishops Caundle, Sherborne. The Bishop of Sherborne, the Right Rev John Kirkham, and the Rev Canon Robert Willis officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jaquetta, Georgina and Henrietta Hardy, Lydia Wingfield Digby and Emma Nuttall. Mr Charles Bankes was best man.

The reception was held at Sherborne Castle and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

**Mr D.J.M. Kemp
and Miss A.L.M. Frost**
The marriage took place on Saturday, at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Banbury, of Mr Dominic Kemp, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Kemp to Miss Annabel Frost, daughter of the late Mr Henry Frost and of Mrs William Mellen. Father Alastair Russell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, was attended by Betsy Reavley, Katherine Lowson, Laura Petford, Katherine Rowan, Clare Rowan, Edward Frost, Harry Reavley and Cosmo Mellen. Mr David Robarts was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Marcus Braybrooke

Faith, peace and justice

THE GULF War and the Salman Rushdie affair have emphasized the practical importance and urgency of interfaith understanding. No longer can anyone dismiss religion as obsolescent and irrelevant to world affairs. But many wonder whether the future belongs to the interfaith movement or whether we are likely to see increasing religious rivalry.Some indeed have an apolcalyptic vision of the next century being dominated by renewed conflict between Christendom and Islam. It is only 300 years ago that the Turks were at the gates of Vienna.

The progress of the interfaith movement faces big obstacles. In all religions there is an increase of extremism. In Eastern Europe, the renewed nationalism is often closely linked to religious identity and has been acompanied by antisemitism and discrimination against religious minorities.

In Britain, the Decade of Evangelism has set alarm bells ringing in the Jewish and other faith communities. Certainly Christian leaders affirm the need for tolerance and respect in an increasingly plural society. They easily forget, however, how powerful the Christian establishment seems to others. recognize that membership of the Christian church is not an essential condition for receiving this salvation. This would seem to be the position of Cardinal Arinze, President of the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue and of the evangelical Dr Peter Cotterell, who is Principal of the London Bible College. This may make it possible to witness to the universal relevance of Jesus Christ without calling on people to leave their faith community. Christians equally may begin to see that the Koran and the message of the Buddha have significance for them.

The interfaith movement, now nearly 100 years old, is still weak. The initiative was often with "marginal" groups — to whom all credit — such as the Unitarians, or the Brahmo Samaj and the Ramakrishna movement, both Hindu reform groups, or with the Ahmadiyah movement and the Baha'i religion, both offshoots from Islam. Gradually liberal members of the major religions began to take part. Now the World Congress of Faiths is headed by Professor Keith Ward, the new regius professor of theology at Oxford, whilst the creation of the Interfaith Network (UK) shows that religious leaders in Britain are committed to this worldwide interfaith work.

If the interfaith movement is successfully to oppose the forces of religious extremism, there needs first to be repentance of the rivalry and hostility which have soured religious relations through the centuries.

Second, religious people must fearlessly unmask the misuse of religion. The title of the colloquium of the International Council of Christians and Jews at Southampton next week is "When Religion is Used as Weapon". Too often religion has been used to cloak abuses of power. Religious people need to make clear that their commitment to the search for truth and the defence of human rights is stronger than their group loyalty — costly as this may be.

Third, the emphasis has to be on the search for a global ethic, as Professor Hans Kung has recently insisted. The discovery of those who attended the first meeting of the World Conference on Religion and Peace in Kyoto, Japan in 1970 was that "the things which unite us are more important than the things which divide us". The interfaith organizations have shown that people of many religions, whilst disagreeing about beliefs, can agree on the

I have taught you all the laws, as the Lord my God told me to do. Obey them faithfully, and this will show the people of other nations how wise you are.
Deuteronomy 4 : 5,6 GNB

BIRTHS

BUTLER - On July 2nd 1991, at Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester to Dorota (née Zarzycki) and Robert, a son, Alexander George.

HOLMER - On July 2nd, to Fiona (née Brown) and Tom, a son Francis.

LETTS - On July 5th, to Sue (née McCloy) and James, a son, James Jonty, a brother for Pippa.

MOORHEAD - On July 2nd, in London, to Kirsten (née Scully) and George, a daughter, Alyana Lindsay Scully.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG - Robert Young, on July 5th, in Mutare, Zimbabwe, aged 85. Elder brother of Noreen, Patrick and Terence.

ARNOLD - On July 4th, peacefully in hospital, Thomas Henry, aged 88 years, of Clacton, Essex. Funeral Service at Weeley Crematorium on July 11th at 12.30 pm.

BINNEY - On July 3rd 1991, peacefully at Rivermead Nursing Home, Midhurst, West Sussex, Marjorie Blanche (née Mockett), aged 96. Widow of the late Colonel E.V. Binney, DSO, Royal Engineers and Bombay Sappers and Miners. Much loved Mother of Ann, and Giles and devoted grandmother and great-grand mother. Cremation at Guildford crematorium on Monday July 15th, at 3.00pm. Flowers if desired to: L.F. Lintott & Son, North Street Midhurst West Sussex or a donations to the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Norris House, Burrell Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

CREGAN - On July 1st 1991, suddenly after a heart attack, John Grattan. Much loved husband of Barbara and devoted father of Amanda, Shaun and grandfather to Edward. Son of the late Dr. G. T. Cregan and of Mrs Cregan. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Fulham (Putney Bridge) at 2.00 pm. Wednesday July 10th. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired to R.N.L.I., West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset in memory of John Cregan. All enquiries to J. H. Kenyon, 071-937 0757.

DRAKE - On July 4th, peacefully in hospital, Mary Eileen (Molly), widow of W.K.H. (Ken) Drake, daughter of the late Geoffrey and Eileen Agnes Ballard. Cremation on Friday July 12th at 2.30pm Bournemouth Crematorium, North Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations to Cancer Research or British Heart Foundation will be gratefully appreciated. Funeral arrangements A.V.Ridout Tel: 0425 272835

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HAWKINS - On July 5th 1991, Joan Olive wife of the late Roy Neville, died peacefully after a long illness, at Copper Cliff hospice, Brighton. Dearly loved by daughter Belinda and sons Desmond and Anthony and their children. Funeral service at The Downs crematorium on Thursday July 11th at 2.00 pm. No flowers, donations to Copper Cliff hospice, 74 Redhill Drive, Brighton BN1 5FL, the staff of which made her last three weeks so comfortable. Enquiries to E.Carter & Son. Tel: Brighton 0273 303467.

HOBSON - On July 5th, peacefully at Court Lodge Nursing Home Lymington, Derek Rowson Hobson OBE aged 86 years. Darling husband of Anita, dearly loved father of Anne and Michael and loving grandfather to 7 grandchildren. The funeral service will be held at Boldre Parish Church on Friday July 12th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to RNLI (Lymington Branch) c/o Diamond & Son FD, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants.

KAHNWEILER - On July 5th 1991, Elly beloved wife of the late Gustav, peacefully at home at Alderbourne Manor, aged 90 years. Funeral service at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks, on Tuesday July 9th at 12.30 pm.

KELLY - On Thursday July 4th, Captain Edward Raymond Anthony, much loved father of Diarmaid and great friend to many. Funeral at The Oratory, Brompton Road, London SW7 on Tuesday July 16th at 11am, followed by cremation at The Mortlake Crematorium. Enquiries and flowers to Kenyon's, 49 Marloes Road, London W8. Tel: 071 9370757.

MANBY - On July 5, 1991 peacefully Constance (née Webber) aged 92 years, formerly of Shell UK. Wife of the late Tom and much loved by her family and friends. Funeral service Thursday, July 11, 3 pm, at Bournemouth Crematorium. Flowers or if preferred donations in memory for the Royal National Institute for the Deaf may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth BH7 6AN

MUMFORD - On July 4th, Donald Scott, much loved by family and friends, cremation private.

PARKES - On July 6th 1991, peacefully at home, George Benjamin Hill aged 86, Dearly loved husband of Phyllis and beloved father of Michael, Meriel and David. Funeral private.

WEBBER - See Manby.

WILLIAMS - On July 4th, 1991, at Oakenholt Nursing Home, Farmoor, Oxford, Frank, aged 86 years, late of Stanford-in-the-Vale, Oxon. A long time employee of Blue Circle Cement, formerly Manager of Kirton Lindsey, Lincolnshire and Harbury Works, Warwickshire. Husband of the late Stephanie Williams and much loved father of Margaret, Peter and Barbara. All enquiries to Green & Co., Funeral Directors, 21 High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Tel: 0865 880837.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CARO - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of William Caro, President of the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents 1990-1991 will be held on Wednesday, July 10th at 11.30 am at the Guild Church of St. Andrew, Holborn, London EC4.

MAXWELL - A Thanksgiving Service for Col. Terence Maxwell will be held on Tuesday 16th July at 12 noon at St Michael's Church, Cornhill, London EC3.

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CABLE SERVICES LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Company Number: 2077276
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Dated the 26th day
of June 1991
K. D. GOODMAN, FCA
and S. D. SWADEN, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

DRANTHMYER LIMITED
FORMERLY ALLIANCE ELECTRIC CABLES LIMITED
I, John Charles Heath of, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 26th June 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated 2 July 1991
J C Heath
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

Emerald Hotels Limited
In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 2323349
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at Lancaster Gate Hotel, 106 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3NL on Friday, 19 July 1991 at 10.00 a.m. for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 18 July 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf
P R COPP
Joint Administrative Receiver

RE Belvedere Ltd T/A McLaren Fencing & Concrete
and
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ on Friday the 19th July 1991, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 17th July 1991
Dated this 1st day
of July 1991
C J Hester
Director

IN THE MATTER of
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
- and -
IN THE MATTER of
SHREE SHRII ENTERPRISES
(In Compulsory Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Partnership are required on or before the 31st day of August 1991 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to J C M Bishop of Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ the Liquidator of the said Partnership and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are by their Solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved
DATED this 27th day
of June 1991
J C M Bishop
Liquidator

Notice of appointment
of Liquidator
Pursuant to Section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 2130359. Name of company: Kamtech Marketing Limited. Nature of business: Specialised Goods Sales & Marketing. Address of registered office: Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder No: 002686. Date of appointment: 28 June 1991. By whom appointed: The Members and Creditors. Date: 2 July 1991.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
MUKESH KUNABHAI PATEL
(In Bankruptcy)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Bankrupt are required on or before the 31st day of August 1991 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors if any, to JCM Bishop of Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ the Trustee of the said Bankrupt and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Trustee are by their Solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 27th day
of June 1991
J C M Bishop
Trustee

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
SUSHILA MUKESH PATEL
(In Bankruptcy)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Bankrupt are required on or before the 31st day of August 1991 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors if any, to J C M Bishop of Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ the Trustee of the said Bankrupt and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Trustee are by their Solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved
DATED this 27th day
of June 1991
J C M Bishop
Trustee

In the matter of
E. GRIFFITHS HUGHES LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER: 122872
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 27 June 1991 the above named company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman and Anthony W. Brierley, both of Arthur Andersen & Co., P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, were appointed Joint Liquidators by the Members.

The Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the Liquidators, at the above address, by 23 August 1991

The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
DATED 2 JULY 1991
M FISHMAN

In the matter of
NK FINANCE LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER: 926366
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 27 June 1991 the above named company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman and Anthony W Brierley, both of Arthur Andersen & Co., P.O Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, were appointed Joint Liquidators by the Members.

The Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the Liquidators, at the above address, by 23 August 1991.

The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
DATED 2 JULY 1991
M FISHMAN

IN THE MATTER OF
ANTHONY LIPTON
& COMPANY
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 16th May 1991.
DATED THIS 16TH DAY
OF MAY, 1991
Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA,
Liquidator.
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

MANHATTAN LITHO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 19th July 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 28th day
of June 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. H. ROSE
DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment
of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up (Members)
Pursuant to section 109
of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number 122872 Name of company: E. GRIFFITHS HUGHES LIMITED Previous name of company (if any): E. GRIFFITHS HUGHES (KRUSCHEN) LIMITED Nature of business: MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP OF TOILETRIES AND PHARMACEUTICALS Type of Liquidation: Members Address of registered office: P O Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT Liquidators names and address: MARTIN FISHMAN AND ANTHONY W BRIERLEY BOTH OF, 1 SURREY STREET LONDON WC2R 2NT. Office holder nos: 6470 and 5641 Date of appointment 27 June 1991 By whom appointed: Members. Date 2.7.91 Martin Fishman and Anthony W Brierley, Joint Liquidators

Notice of appointment
of Liquidator
voluntary winding up (Members)
Pursuant to section 109
of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number 926366 Name of company NK FINANCE LIMITED Previous name of company (if any): MUSE (NORTHERN) LIMITED KEE DETERGENTS LIMITED, KIWI PRODUCTS (UK) LIMITED Nature of business FACTORING DEBT Type of Liquidation Members Address of registered office P O Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Liquidators names and address. MARTIN FISHMAN AND ANTHONY W. BRIERLEY BOTH OF 1 SURREY STREET LONDON WC2R 2NT Office holder nos: 6470 and 5641. Date of appointment 27 June 1991 By whom appointed Members. Date 2.7.91 Martin Fishman and Anthony W Brierley Joint Liquidators

HEALING RESEARCH
TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED
I, Neil Hunter Cooper of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU give notice that on 5th June 1991 I was appointed Liquidator of Healing Research Trustee Company Limited by the Secretary of State
Dated 7th June 1991
N H Cooper
Liquidator

Notice of appointment
of Liquidator
Pursuant to Section 109 of
the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number 1639396 Name of company: Micro Component Distribution Ltd. Nature of business: Computer Distributors Address of registered office Martello House 16-22 Martello Street London E8 3PE Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Office Holder No 002686 Date of appointment 25 June 1991. By whom appointed: The Members and Creditors. Date 2 July 1991

Notice of appointment of
Administrative Receiver
Showan Engineering Limited
Registered number: 2032143. Trading name Showan Engineering Limited Nature of business: Heavy Engineering Trade classification: 07. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4 July 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Michael David Gercke and Richard Claude Boys-Stones. (office holder nos): 2360 and 7227. Address Price Waterhouse Bridge Gate 55/57 High Road Redhill Surrey RH1 1RX.

Notice of Appointment
of Administrative Receiver
VA REALISATIONS LIMITED
(FORMERLY VECO AUTOMOTIVE LIMITED)
Registered number: 895663. Nature of business: Vehicle Parts Distributor Trade classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 1 July 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Roger Marsh and Gordon Christopher Horsfield. (office holder nos: 5925 and 5599). Address: 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN.

NUTECH LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Monday 15th July 1991 at 2.30 pm in the afternoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Stephen James Wainwright of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED THIS 2ND DAY
OF JULY 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P BRADLEY
DIRECTOR

PALAMEDES DATA
SERVICES LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Company Number: 2343349
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA and STEPHEN DANIEL SWADEN, FCA of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Wednesday, 26th June, 1991 by Barclays Bank Plc under the powers contained in a Debenture incorporating a Fixed and Floating Charge dated 14th July, 1989.
Dated the 26th day
of June 1991
K. D. GOODMAN, FCA
and S. D. SWADEN, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

LEGAL NOTICES

Emerald Limited
In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 1776078
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at Lancaster Gate Hotel, 106 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3NL on Friday, 19 July 1991 at 10.00 a.m. for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 18 July 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf
P R COPP
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
VA REALISATIONS LIMITED
(FORMERLY VECO AUTOMOTIVE LIMITED)
IN RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN on the 22nd day of July 1991 at 10.00 am for the purpose of receiving a report by the Joint Administrative Receivers and, should the creditors see fit, to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this 3rd day
of July 1991
R Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1 A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986
2 Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible before the meeting
3 A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy
4 A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge, in accordance with note 1, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assesses it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HEATHROW TIMBER
COMPANY LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB on 30 July 1991 at 2.30pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Berley & Co., Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from 26 July 1991.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at Berley & Co., Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 29 July 1991.
Dated 1 July 1991
Christopher James Langham
Director

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
THE GUILDFORD MEDICAL CENTRE LIMITED
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners Langton Priory Portsmouth Road Guildford Surrey GU2 5EH, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 1st July, 1991.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address

No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 3rd day
of July 1991
D B Coakley
Liquidator

WESTMEAD HOTEL
AND RESTAURANT LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 176(1) of the Companies Act 1985 with regard to the above named company that
(a) the company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase
(b) the payment from capital to be in the sum of £432,000 as provided for by resolutions dated 3rd July 1991
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(d) any creditor of the company may at any time within the period of 5 weeks immediately following the 3rd July 1991 apply to the court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment
By Order of the Board

PUBLIC NOTICES

BRITISH RAILWAYS BOARD
PUBLIC NOTICE
TRANSPORT ACTS
1962 AND 1968
In connection with the Board's proposal to withdraw passenger services between West Parade North Junction and Anlaby Road Junction (Humberside) and between Gascoigne Wood Junction and Milford South Junction (North Yorkshire), the Secretary of State for Transport has given his decision in the following terms
The Secretary
British Railways Board
Euston House
24 Eversholt Street
London NW1 1DZ

Department of Transport
Room S:9/14A
2 Marsham Street
London SW1 3EB
R 18/4/039
28 November 1990
Dear Sir,
PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF PASSENGER SERVICES BETWEEN WEST PARADE NORTH JUNCTION AND ANLABY ROAD JUNCTION (HUMBERSIDE) AND BETWEEN GASCOIGNE WOOD JUNCTION AND MILFORD SOUTH JUNCTION (NORTH YORKSHIRE)
1 I am directed by the Secretary of State to refer to the proposal published by the British Railways Board, in accordance with Section 56 of the Transport Act 1962 to close to passenger traffic the sections of line between West Parade North Junction and Anlaby Road Junction in Humberside and between Gascoigne Wood Junction and Milford South Junction in North Yorkshire
2 The Board made the proposal in the light of the low usage of the Holidaymaker service between Scarborough and Leicester, which is the only passenger service operating over these stretches of line
3 The Board do not propose an alternative service. Passengers from Scarborough, Filey and Bridlington may use existing services via York
4 The Transport Users' Consultative Committee for North Eastern England received 184 objections to the proposal one of which, from North Yorkshire County Council, was withdrawn. The Committee concluded that some extended journey times and the need to change trains at least once represented hardship. The Committee also made a recommendation that if consent to closure be given that British Rail's Provincial Sector should provide an additional service on the Scarborough-Bridlington-Hull service to fill what they consider will be an unacceptable gap in the timetable and to enable connections from York, Liverpool and Scotland to be maintained.
5 The Secretary of State has received 4 direct representations about the proposal
6 The Secretary of State has carefully considered the Committee's report and has noted the conclusion about hardship. He has also carefully considered the direct representations. He has noted that alternative services are available to the passengers who wish to travel to the destinations served by the lines. Having regard to these factors, including social and economic considerations, he has concluded that refusal of consent to the proposal would not be justified
7 The Secretary of State notes the Committee's recommendation about the provision of an additional service on the Scarborough-Hull line. The question of the timing of the services is a matter for the Board and the Secretary of State does not consider it appropriate to direct the Board to provide a service at a specific time but, nevertheless, he notes that British Rail have indicated that it will be possible to fill the 1¾ hour gap in the service on this line at the time of closure. He hopes that the Board will give sympathetic consideration to optimising the timetable so as to eliminate the gap.
8 The Secretary of State has also noted the Committee's comments about the Board's marketing of the Holidaymaker services; the potential of the Anlaby curve for development; and the operational constraints at Hull Paragon Station if failed trains need to be turned. He considers that these are operational and commercial matters for the Board which do not bear directly on his decision whether passenger services should be withdrawn from these lines or not. He also notes the Committee's comments about the closure of curves and short sections of line but would observe that it is in the nature of closure cases that they should focus on these matters.
9. The Secretary of State notes the Committee's comments about the use of lines for diversionary purposes but he would observe that the closure procedure does not, in any event, apply to the irregular use of lines by passenger services
10 Accordingly, the Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under Section 56 of the Transport Act 1962 and Section 54 of the Transport Act 1968, hereby consents to the withdrawal of all rail passenger services over the lines between West Parade North Junction and Anlaby Road Junction (Humberside) and Gascoigne Wood Junction and Milford South Junction (North Yorkshire).
I am Sir
Your obedient servant
R S PEAL
An Assistant Secretary in
the Department of Transport
In view of the Secretary of State's decision the services between West Parade North Junction and Anlaby Road Junction (Humberside) and between Gascoigne Wood Junction and Milford South Junction (North Yorkshire) will be withdrawn after the last train on Saturday 31st August 1991.

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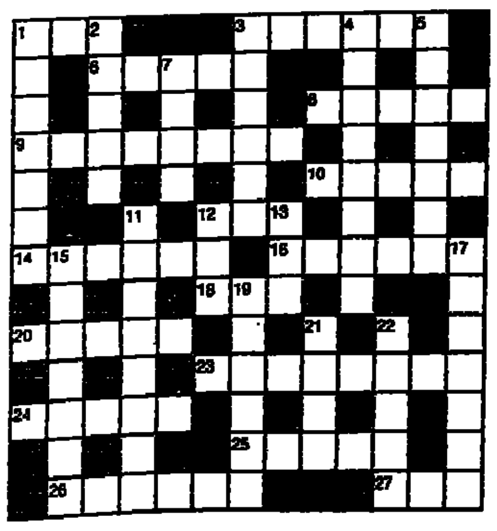

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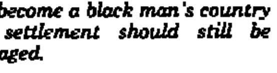

Some 60 years ago Mr Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, was among those who believed that though, ultimately, South Africa would become a black man's country white settlement should still be encouraged.

SOUTH AFRICA: MR AMERY ON WHITE SUPREMACY

A meeting in support of the work of the London Committee of the 1820 Memorial Settlers' Association was held yesterday at 49, Belgrave-square, S.W., by permission of Sir Otto and Lady Beit. The association is an organisation established to commemorate and to perpetuate the memory of the pioneers of 1820 by judicious and properly conducted immigration and land settlement on scientific lines.

SIR CHARLES CREWE said that the association in their efforts were following up the work done by Lord Milner and others for the future of South Africa. The migration questions was one of the utmost importance in South Africa. They had now one and a half million white people who governed and controlled eight and a half million natives. In time the white races would reach 4,000,000, and the native races 22,000,000. The only way South Africa could be kept within the Empire was by strengthening the whites' superiority.

At present, among those sent out there were very few failures. It was true they wanted to get the best settlers they could for Africa, and it might be possible to have settlers wth less capital than asked - £1,500 for single men, £2,000 for married men - provided they had a knowledge of agriculture. He reminded them that they had obligations to native races in South Africa, and he asked them to do all they could to broaden out the work of the association. South Africa had raised something over £10,000 a year in the last few years. Every penny, in fact, had come from South Africans residing here. South Africans had certainly borne their share of the burden.

QUALITY OF SETTLERS

Mr AMERY, Secretary for the Colonies, said that if it had been possible for British Governments of the past to act more consistently South Africa might have been more a white country than it was today. At the present rate of progress the probabilities were that in a century or two South Africa would become a black man's country. The white race in South Africa must not only hold its own but more than its own.

A hundred years ago 3,500 settlers were planted in South Africa, and they were the progenitors of some 150,000 of the British element. The work of the association might have a tremendous effect on the whole future of South Africa. The more he had seen of this business of settlement the more he was convinced that it was settlers from the top that mattered, and not those from the bottom.

They must send men who were naturally leaders and whose influence would be brought to bear on others. It was emigration of young men who had a small amount of capital who would be of the greatest use in the future. There was, he believed, an immense future for South African agriculture, and no one saw that better than Lord Milner. The work of the Association was not in any case influenced by racial bias or against the Dutch element.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

JOAN OF ARC OF MONGOLIA: Western ladies travelling through Mongolia succumb to the charms of a nomadic tribe. Eccentric blend of fiction and documentary from German director Ulrike Ottinger.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

◆ **TOO HOT TO HANDLE (15):** Charmless, interminable romantic comedy about playboy Alec Baldwin's on-off relationship with lounge singer Kim Basinger. Written by Neil Simon.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

CURRENT

LA CAPTIVE DU DESERT (PG): Raymond Depardon's existential study of a European woman held hostage by an African tribe. Beautiful to behold, but aggravating.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

CITIZEN KANE (U): Welles's enthralling examination of the American dream celebrates its 50th birthday with a new print struck from the original.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

CLASS ACTION (15): Gene Hackman and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as father and daughter fighting opposite sides of a lawsuit. Fine acting; awkward script. Director, Michael Apted.
Plaza (071-497 9999).

DEFENDING YOUR LIFE (PG): Albert Brooks as your average neurotic American, put on trial in the afterlife. Dawdling, flimsy comedy, with Meryl Streep. Brooks also directs.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

F FOR FAKE: Welcome revival of Orson Welles's 1973 frolic about forgery and the nature of truth in art. Fast, furious, and delightfully impish.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LA GLOIRE DE MON PERE (U): Episodic gallop through Marcel Pagnol's childhood memories — decent, nostalgic, but excessively warm-hearted. Director, Yves Robert.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ **GUILTY BY SUSPICION (15):** Hollywood witch-hunt tale — muted as drama, but decently acted. Starring Robert De Niro, Annette Bening; director, Irwin Winkler.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861).

THE HAIRDRESSER'S HUSBAND (15): A slim tale of romantic obsession, mesmerisingly told by the director of *Monsieur Hire*, Patrice Leconte. With Jean Rochefort, Anna Galiena.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757).

THE KING OF NEW YORK (18): Christopher Walken as a ruthless hoodlum with style. Energetic thriller that finally gets out of hand; director, Abel Ferrara.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ **A KISS BEFORE DYING (18):** Cold, flat version of Ira Levin's novel about a murderous youth (Matt Dillon) ruthlessly pursuing the American dream. With Sean Young; director, James Dearden.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ **MISERY (18):** Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

◆ **THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12):** Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; director, David Zucker.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

NOT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTER (12): Sally Field as an all-American wife trying to escape the Ayatollah's Iran. Earnest drama, peopled by puppets. With Alfred Molina; director, Brian Gilbert.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999).

RIFF-RAFF (15): Marvellous, scruffy "slice of life" portrait of a building-site crew from director Ken Loach.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ **THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18):** Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from Jonathan Demme.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

STATE OF GRACE (18): Overblown tale of undercover cop Sean Penn on the home of a dilemma in New York's Hell's Kitchen. With Gary Oldman, Ed Harris; director, Phil Joanou.
Cannons: Panton Street (071-930 0631)

THESE FOOLISH THINGS (PG): Bertrand Tavernier's chamber piece about a dying father (Dirk Bogarde) tended by his daughter (Jane Birkin). Somewhat arch, but tender.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD (PG): E.M. Forster novel about the English abroad; amusing, pretty, but unsatisfactory. Starring Helena Bonham Carter and Rupert Graves. Directed by Charles Sturridge.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
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☐ **THE CARETAKER:** Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE KING AND I:** Susan Hampshire returns with David Yip.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN:** Sexual thuggery in Seville: handsome but unfocused version.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 165mins.

☐ **MATADOR:** The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

■ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:** The comedy fares better than the romance. Pretty setting.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight-Wed, 8pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **NAPOLI MILIONARIA:** Ian McKellen a striking figure in Eduardo de Filippo's richly textured, end-of-war drama.
Lyttelton (National), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 175mins.

☐ **NUTMEG AND GINGER:** Gentle Julian Slade musical from a Jacobean comedy about a star-struck apprentice.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **THE REHEARSAL:** Last opportunity to see Ian McDiarmid's stylish production of Anouilh's tale of cruel seduction.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins. Final week.

☐ **THE ROSE TATTOO:** Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ **70, GIRLS, 70:** Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **SILLY COW:** Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ **STARBRITES:** Market Theatre from Jo'burg offers a confusing fable, with puppets, about post-Mandela euphoria.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE TEMPEST:** Mark Rylance's gallant, out-of-doors troupe on the site of Shakespeare's Globe
Globe Theatre Reconstruction Site, near Emerson Street, SE1 (071-379 4444/information: 071-620 0202). Tues-Sun, 7.30pm.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm. 90mins.

☐ **THE WHITE DEVIL:** Josette Simon the proud heroine in Philip Prowse's glittering staging of Jacobean corruption.
National (Olivier) (as above). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm, mat Wed, 2pm. 180mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ▨ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ▨ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ▨ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL: Claudio Desderi, baritone turned conductor, directs the English Chamber Orchestra in Rossini's String Sonata No 1 in G; Stravinsky's *Pulcinella Suite*; Mozart's Serenata Notturna in D, K239; and is also soloist in Cimarosa's operatic piece, *Il Maestro di Cappella*.
The Mansion House, London EC4 (Festival box office: 071-248 4260). 7.30pm.

LIFT: Just as Footsbarn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* makes an exit at Highbury Fields, another version enters the international festival of theatre, brought by the Comedy Theatre of Bucharest. Alex Darie directs the Romanian company in a circus setting
Lyric Theatre, King Street, London W6 (081-741 2311), 7.45pm.

THE CHIEFTAINS' MUSIC FESTIVAL: A festival instigated by the Celtic folk band, aiming to reflect its diverse career since the group formed 25 years ago. The Chieftains will headline at a variety of concerts taking place during the week, with celebrations culminating next Monday when the band plays with the Pogues at Brixton Academy. Tonight's concert features the Wren Orchestra and Ralph McTell performing excerpts from the group's film and television compositions, including *Barry Lyndon*
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). 7.30pm.

THE DUBLINERS: A visit by the veteran Irish folk band, rather overshadowed by the Chieftains' music festival, but nonetheless providing an entertaining evening of old song favourites.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 4141), 7.45pm.

YEHUDI MENUHIN SCHOOL: Menuhin shares the podium with Peter Norris conducting a programme of Mendelssohn (Octet); Vaughan Williams (*Tallis Fantasia*); and Tippett (Concerto for Double String Orchestra)
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

DOUBLE WEDDING: As part of the Barclays New Stages festival and LIFT, performance artist Rose English presents her new piece *The Double Wedding*, incorporating ice-skaters, dancers, aerialists, actors and musicians. The 11-strong group features some of the most experienced performers working in experimental theatre (see review, right)
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (071-730 1745), 8pm.

BUDDY GUY: Touring a sparkling new album, *Damn Right, I Got the Blues*, the flamboyant blues guitarist who influenced a generation of players including Jimi Hendrix, plays at the T&C2 tonight, and tomorrow at the Town & Country Club as part of the London Blues Festival.
T&C2, Highbury Corner, London N1 (071-700 5716), 8pm.

WORLD HARP FESTIVAL: Organised as part of Celtica '91, the festival brings together harpists from all over the globe including Korea, Africa and America to celebrate the music of the harp. Performances take place daily around the town, and in the evenings at St David's Hall, with a large-scale celebration of medieval voice and harp music at Llandaff Cathedral on Thursday.
St David's, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236), until July 13.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: The company moves to Bristol for a week. David Bintley's feature-length ballet, *Hobson's Choice*, is performed in repertory with Ashton's classic comedy showpiece *La Fille Mal Gardée* until Saturday.
Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0272 299444), 7.30pm.

HAYDN AT OXFORD: The English Concert under Trevor Pinnock come together with the choirs of Christ Church, Magdalen and New College to recreate a concert given on July 1791 when Haydn came to Oxford to collect his honorary D.Mus. The programme comprises Haydn's Symphony No 92, songs and choruses by Handel, Purcell and Storace, an organ concerto by Hayes, and Pleyel's Sinfonia Concertante.
Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford (0865 864056), 6pm

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ROCK

ZZ Top
Milton Keynes Bowl

AFTER a typically lengthy absence, ZZ Top came down from the hills last year to release their eleventh album, *Recycler*, and begin another of their marathon global treks. The blues band of the space age finally reached England on the most gorgeous of summer days, and this huge outdoor venue was packed to its 60,000 capacity.

After a commendable performance by British rockers Thunder and a *superlative set by Canadian singer* Bryan Adams, the stage was converted into a surreal representation of an automobile junkyard. Old Chevrolets and Cadillacs were piled up in huge heaps along with television screens and twisted lumps of metal.

The first mishap in what was a complex and curiously accident-prone performance came when one of the "wire fence" scrims in front of the set failed to drop on cue at the start of the opening number. The intended slick effect was lost as several roadies struggled to rip it down forcibly.

The Texan trio evinced not the slightest concern, as they pushed off with languid ease and momentous power into "Planet of Women". As ever, bassist Dusty Hill and guitarist Billy Gibbons were cast as mirror-image, rock 'n' roll Methuselahs — dark suits, white baseball hats, huge shades, matching outsize white guitars, and those luxuriant 18-inch beards — an image that has already proved impervious to the ravages of time, and which will doubtless see them through to the millennium and beyond.

As a video and media phenomenon, ZZ Top are often portrayed in a jokey, even lightweight vein — the "cartoon" rock band tag — and their eccentric sense of humour certainly shone through in this performance. Gibbons's and Hill's synchronised dance steps were given an added *frisson* when they stepped on to concealed moving walkways during "Tell It", and set off marching in opposite directions without moving from the spot. During "2000 Blues", as Gibbons stood at the front loosing off a volley of heartbreaking blues phrases, the immobile Hill casually *floated past behind him.*

Huge metal lifting gadgets roamed on gantries above the stage, and at the end of "Got Me Under Pressure", an industrial grab swung down and "gobbled up" Gibbons and Hill, then deposited two sorry-looking figures in a smoke-belching "compressor".

For all the visual jokes and the bearish eccentricities of songs like "Manic Mechanic" and "Ten Foot Pole", ultimately this was divine blues-rock dished out as hard and heavy as it comes, the wild syncopations of older material like "Just Got Paid" and "Heard It On the X" contrasting neatly with the simpler thump of the new techno-blues songs such as "Love Thing" and "Give It Up".

They brought on the dancing girls during "Legs" and ended with the supercharged boogie of "La Grange", the cue for a deafening explosion and then a spectacular firework display.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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Enduring rock 'n' roll Methuselah: Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top

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No One Writes to the Colonel
Riverside, Hammersmith

THE Marquez story on which this play is based has been described by its adaptor and director, Carlos Gimenez, as a "canticle to despair". It could equally well be seen as a guarded, muffled and peculiarly Central American anthem to human endurance. Certainly, the Rajatabla Company of Venezuela, here as part of the London International Festival of Theatre, has an emotional music all its own, a blend of the hopeless and the resilient quite alien to West European ears.

Gimenez's production stays faithful to Marquez's original. The Colonel still remembers the son shot dead by government soldiers a few months before, still goes weekly to the post office on the off-chance that the pension he earned two decades ago will at last arrive, still feeds the fighting cock that embodies his last, precarious chance of economic survival. Reading the story is like watching a man shrivel into a skeleton, yet somehow remain this side of the grave. It is much the same with Gimenez's evocative production.

This begins and ends with violent thunder, white lightning, pouring rain and yet another funeral procession. Men in rumpled white suits and women in black circle the tattered walls of the corrugated-iron set to bruising organ chords, forlorn music from an out-of-tune piano, the distant sound of dogs and cicadas or, perhaps most potently, yawning silences. A bald, androgynous figure in a yellowing lace dress, presumably the Angel of Death, prowls the rim of the stage. It is not a welcoming place, this. The most rundown of Graham Greene's whisky priests would make his excuses and apply for an exit visa.

No knowledge of Spanish is necessary to appreciate either the atmosphere or the acting. Anibal Grunn brings a bullet head and a shifty, sideways grin to the part of Sabas, the war-profiteer who tries to con the Colonel out of his rooster. Aura Rivas, the Colonel's wife, clearly knows that one of the best ways of expressing desperation onstage is to give every sign of battling to avoid desperation. With her, a sob is always likely to be followed by a dry laugh, and in any case she prefers to bustle purposefully and unemotionally round the family shack. There is nothing the least histrionic about either her or José Tejera, the Colonel himself.

His is the performance of the evening, as it should be: the droopy grey moustache, the pathetically slicked-down hair, the pinched cheeks, the bright, puzzled eyes. We leave him slumped, gaping but still alive, and still earnestly clutching and nuzzling his beady fowl: the face of Central America when Marquez wrote the story, back in the 1960s; and, sadly, often its face now.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

The Double Wedding
Royal Court

"EMPTY eyeballs knew/That knowledge increases unreality, that/Mirror on mirror mirrored is all the show." Yeats was writing about Buddha but he could have been prophesying Rose English's extraordinary postmodernist, deconstructionist, self-reflexive farrago, presented as part of the London International Festival of Theatre and the Barclays New Stages Festival.

Here it is quite impossible to know what is real and what is its image, what is true and what fake. How about English herself, a tiring figure in biceps-length scarlet gloves and a silver fish-scale dress, a cross between a mermaid and Marlene Dietrich? She is preposterously unreal, of course. Yet she is also both a character in the show, "the Hostess", a mistress of ceremonies who ushers in and controls a string of other half-baked and unconvincing characters, and Rose English herself, creator of the show, about whom the other characters pass bitchy comments behind her back: "Such a hypocrite; she pretends to be excited by the popular but goes to the most esoteric events for her own amusement."

And what about the double wedding? There is a show called *The Double Wedding*, which is often discussed but never actually seen, in the course of the show which we are watching, which is also called *The Double Wedding* — and so on.

But some of this is deliriously and joyously funny. There are two hypnotists who end up competing for the left-hand side of the stage and hynotising each other. There are two cameramen dressed in purple plus-fours and glittering green jackets who discuss cinematography with pipes firmly clenched between their teeth, like old-time British actors. Suddenly the pipes take on a life of their own and the entire cast fill the stage, dancing with meerschaums. There is a moment when all the other characters appear dressed like Rose English, a scene surely indebted to the Monty Python sketch in which Alan Whicker visited an island menaced by proliferating facsimiles of himself.

Absurd this may be, but it is a show which is constantly anticipating and disarming criticism. Surely two dancers dressed in green velvet leotards and red wigs called the Dawn and the Dew are both twee and incompetent? Dew breaks down in the middle of a lame pas de deux. "What's the matter?" enquires Dawn. "It's just that we are not very good dancers." There is no answer to that, nor to English herself, who at one point asked "Is there an arts minister in the house?" There was, in fact, and the person concerned was heard afterwards making amiable comments about "a kind of utter zaniness which is rather attractive".

HARRY EYRES

DANCE

Four Last Songs/ Swansong/Etudes
Coliseum

ENGLISH National Ballet's final programme of its season at the Coliseum includes the best work ever created for the company and the most popular ballet mounted during its early years. Unfortunately they were preceded on Thursday by a full hour's interval, because the safety curtain would not budge, and before that the revival of a work that was no great hit when first shown eight years ago and unlikely to do better this time.

Four Last Songs has wispy choreography by Ben Stevenson which never comes remotely near the intensity of Richard Strauss's music. It is based on the use of vaguely yearning arms which assume that spectators will supply their own meaning. The only break from wishy-washy sentimentality is the ending where "atishoo, atishoo, we all fall down."

Agnes Oaks and a newcomer, Aaron Watkin, as her partner are the best of an immensely solemn cast. Susan McCulloch as the soprano soloist started uncertainly but gathered strength, and it was sensible to place her in a stage box for audibility.

Things took a great turn for the better with *Swansong*. Christopher Bruce has added a programme note suggesting a more personal subtext beneath the obvious context of a political prisoner. Read it how you will, the work packs a tremendous punch in its representation of a man struggling at the end of his tether and finally overcoming — not least because it mixes much lively humour with the grimness.

More and more this work shows itself as the finest ballet made by any British choreographer during the last decade, and on Thursday its original cast gave a performance of amazing conviction, depth and power, with Koen Onzia unforgettably wracked between the ministrations of Kevin Richmond and Matz Skoog.

The big company showpiece *Etudes* had a decidedly uneven performance, from the embarrassingly shaky first *plié* onwards. Yelena Pankova has speed and lightness in the ballerina role, but more forcefulness and fewer coy faces would be an improvement. Of the two leading men, Thomas Edur has the better line, phrasing, small beats and *tours en l'air*, Jose Manuel Carreno shows the more flamboyant manner with strong, big beats and pirouettes. Also outstanding with pirouettes, elegant in line and impressively smooth in the 32 *fouettés* was Christian Duncan, a young member of the corps de ballet, who replaced Carreno in a revised cast on Saturday.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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WORD-WATCHING

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PROTOVESTIARIOS
(b) Post for a palace eunuch, second to that of Parakoimomenos. He was the keeper of the emperor's wardrobe, first recorded in 412, and presided over the emperor's private office.

CATENAE
(c) Literally "chains" in Latin, the scholarly term used from the 15th century on to designate the genre that the Byzantines called "collection of exegetical fragments", ie verses from the Bible attached to strings of gobbets of commentary.

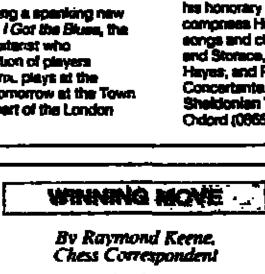
PORPHYROGENNETOS
(b) An imperial epithet meaning "purple-born", and designating a son or daughter born after the father had become emperor. It reflects the advancing ideas of heredity, and is explained either by the parents' assumption of the purple, or by empresses giving birth in a purple structure.

NESTORIANS
(c) Heretical followers of the doctrines of Nestorios, who put more emphasis on the human nature of Christ as opposed to his divine *physis*; strong in eastern merchant communities.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Andreev — Csema, Budapest 1983. How did white finish the game brilliantly?



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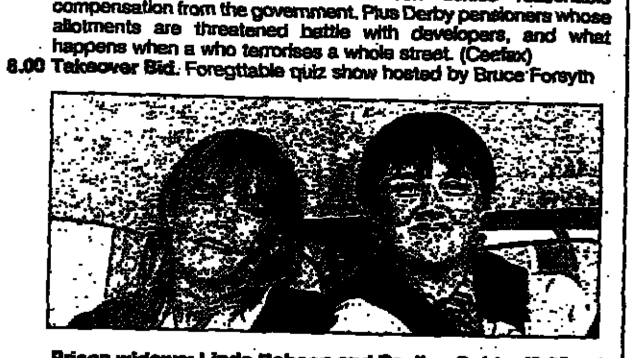
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax)
1.50 A Taste of Wales. A new ten-part series presented by Gill Davies and chef Franco Taruschio exploring the delights of Welsh cookery, starting with a look at lamb **2.20 Starsky and Hutch.** Starring Paul Michael Glaser and David Soul. Starsky accidentally shoots and blinds a young art student (r)
3.05 Head of the Class. American high-school comedy series starring Howard Hesseman **3.30 Holiday 91.** A Spain special presented by Ann Gregg (r)
4.00 Cartoon 4.10 New Lassie. The canny canine struggles for breath in a locked car (Ceefax) **4.35 Defenders of the Earth.** Animated adventure series (r)
4.55 Newsround with Juliet Morris **5.05 Blue Peter Flies The World.** The second compilation from the last series. Yvette Fielding, Diane-Louise Jordan and John Leslie enjoy last summer's expedition to the Caribbean. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Terry's guests include consumer campaigner Esther Rantzen, launching her search for this year's "Children of Courage"
7.30 Them and Us. Liverpudlian comic Craig Charles hosts another mostly humorous look at viewers' gripes against officialdom. Nicholas Medley, a haemophiliac, takes up the case of haemophiliacs infected with the HIV virus during hospital operating procedures who have been denied reasonable compensation from the government. Plus Derby pensioners whose allotments are threatened battle with developers, and what happens when a who terrorises a whole street. (Ceefax)
8.00 Takeover Bid. Foregttable quiz show hosted by Bruce Forsyth



Prison widows: Linda Robson and Pauline Quirke (8.30pm)

8.30 Birds of a Feather: Love On The Run. Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson star in the sitcom about the gorblimey sisters whose husbands are in prison. Sharon feels abandoned when Tracey invites an old schoolfriend to stay (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Panorama: Labour Pains. With Labour having every chance of forming the next government, Michael Crick examines Neil Kinnock's policies to tackle the perennial difficulties of post-war Labour prime ministers — sterling crises, internal party conflict and dependency on the trade unions
10.10 Law and Order: Prisoner of Love. American police and courtroom drama. The commissioner of cultural affairs is one of the prime suspects after the murder of a controversial artist, famous for his sado-masochist paintings. But the investigation is hindered by the sexual relationship between the two main suspects — dominatrix and client
11.00 Operation Safe Haven. Phil Fairclough reports from northern Iraq on the role of the Royal Marines, stationed there to protect Kurdish refugees. Strong links have been forged with the refugees, but with allied troops pulling out, how long will their haven remain safe? (r)
11.30 Colour Eye: Colour Indoors. The last of the series on the influence of colour in our lives. Interior designer Julie Hodgess and textile designer Manuel Canovas look at the effects of colour in interiors, from a restaurant bar to a Devon church
12.00 Weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Social Work in the Inner City. Ends at 7.10
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from the Houses of Lords and Commons
8.30 Titchmarsh's Travels. Alan Titchmarsh begins a six-part series of journeys in Britain and Ireland, exploring what the past has to offer to the modern spiritual pilgrim. In the first programme he leaves his Hampshire home and travels to Glastonbury (r). (Ceefax)
9.05 Wimbledon '91. Harry Carpenter reviews the highlights from the junior finals
10.05 French Grand Prix. Highlights of the French grand prix from Magny-Cours, introduced by Murray Walker and James Hunt (r)
10.55 Cricket: Third Test. Live coverage of the opening session of the fourth day's play in the game at Trent Bridge between England and West Indies, introduced by Tony Lewis. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Jack Bannister with summaries by Ray Illingworth and Geoff Boycott
1.05 Delia Smith's One is Fun. A variety of egg and cheese dishes for the single cook (r) **1.20 Charlie Chalk** (r)
1.35 Cricket. Further live coverage of the fourth day's play in the third Test at Trent Bridge between England and West Indies. Includes news and weather at 2.00, 3.00 and 3.50
6.30 Film: Colt 45 (1950). Formula B-movie western starring Randolph Scott, Ruth Roman, Zachary Scott and Lloyd Bridges. A gun salesman promoting a new kind of rapid-fire gun is robbed of two pistols by a professional killer and has to get them back. The climax is a duel to the death between Farrell and Brett (the two Scotts), both of them armed with the legendary gun. Directed by Edwin L. Marin
7.40 DEF II: Liquid Television. In the last of the surreal animation series viewers have a final chance to solve the Aeon Flux mystery; and the Psycho Gram correspondent and the hog queen have the last word
8.10 The Much-Loved Friend: A Portrait of the National Gallery.
● CHOICE: Nicholas Rossiter's entertaining documentary on the National Gallery is screened the day before the Sainsbury Wing is officially opened by the Queen. The building replaces the design which was famously described by the Prince of Wales as a "monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved elegant friend". His verdict on the new wing is given in the programme, with comments from the architect, Robert Venturi. A trawl of the archives has produced film of suffragette riots in Trafalgar Square in 1913 and footage of the gallery's paintings hidden in Welsh slate mines during the second world war. Rossiter goes behind the scenes to feature the work of the gallery's scientific department and follows the huge task of rehanging all 2,000 pictures. Among enthusiasts for the gallery is the animator Terry Gilliam, who explains how it inspired many sketches and cartoons for *Monty Python's Flying Circus*

A case of cat napping: Art Carney and Lily Tomlin (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: The Late Show (1977).
● CHOICE: Robert Benton of *Kramer v Kramer* directed this engaging spoof on the Hollywood private eye film. *The Late Show* may promise more than it delivers but it combines an affectionate feel for the genre with a skilful recreation of its seedy ambience and tough style, not to mention its often impenetrable plotting. Art Carney plays the hero, a weary old detective who reluctantly returns to the job to investigate the death of his partner. Benton's script provides him with an accomplice in Lily Tomlin, as an eccentric whose cat has been kidnapped. Not surprisingly, the two incidents prove to be connected. Carney, who won an Oscar three years earlier for *Harry and Tonto*, turns in the sort of skilful performance that makes you wonder why the cinema ignored him for so long. Tomlin, as ever, is delightful, in a one-dimensional part that would sink a lesser performer
10.30 Newsnight. John Simpson presents the round-up of news and comment on the day's events around the world
11.15 Cricket. Highlights from the fourth day's play between England and West Indies at Trent Bridge
11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Religion in Victorian Bristol. Ends at 12.30am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 All Clued Up. Game show for married couples, hosted by David Hamilton **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 Out of This World. American comedy series about a girl with an alien father
10.30 This Morning. Family magazine series
12.10 Rosie and Jim. For the young (r)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. Australian soap (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Australian drama serial set in and around a rural community health centre
2.20 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley and John Murray present a preview of this week's evening programmes examining what the capital has on offer for the young street sport enthusiast **2.50 The Green Life Guide.** Magazine series investigating environmental issues. With Alistar McDonald and Dilly Barlow
3.15 News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 Families**
3.55 Fraggle Rock 4.10 Cartoon 4.15 T-Bag and the Revenge of the T-Set (r)

A crisp performance: Henry Power and "Tank" Walker (4.40pm)

4.40 Docurama: Henry and the "Tank". Documentary series for young people. Profiles of aspiring actors Henry Power and Jonathan "Tank" Walker, who have one foot on the ladder after appearing in crisp commercials
5.10 Blockbusters presented by Bob Holness
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. Weather
5.55 Thames Help. This week's topic is street sports, beginning with cycling
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 The Joe Longthorne Show. Last show in the series for impressionist Joe Longthorne and his regular guest comedian Kelly Monteith
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Hope It Rains. Low-key, laugh-starved sitcom starring Tom Bell as Harry Nash, the selfish owner of a wax museum in a seaside resort trying to cope with his ungracious god-daughter (Holly Aird). (Oracle)
8.30 World in Action. An investigation into the plight of the thousands of domestic servants brought into Britain by their wealthy foreign employers and treated as contemporary slaves
9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Battlefield. Watchable drama series about the private and public lives of the soldiers of the King's Fusiliers Infantry Regiment. Explosives expert Sergeant Lewis supervises specialist battle training for A Company and their visitors from the Territorial Army and shows some disturbing signs of strain. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville (Oracle). Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.40 Film: Death Trap (1982). Smooth transcription of Ira Levin's stage thriller with Michael Caine as a dramatist suffering from writer's block who plans to murder a former student (Christopher Reeve) and steal his play. Dyan Cannon, Henry Jones and, in a rare film role, Irene Worth, make up the supporting cast and director Sidney Lumet does his usual polished job.
12.50am Sportsworld Extra introduced by Tony Francis
1.50 Film: T-Men (1947, b/w). Crisp documentary-style crime movie starring Dennis O'Keefe, Mary Meade and Alfred Ryder. The T-Men are agents from the US treasury department, going undercover to infiltrate a gang of counterfeiters. One of the early films of the director Anthony Mann, who went to make a series of tough Westerns with James Stewart, including *Winchester 73* and *The Man From Laramie.*
3.30 The Twilight Zone. In *The Last Defender of Camelot*, a weary Lancelot is living in London and finds himself summoned by the enchantress Morgan le Fay to meet Merlin, who has a plan to resurrect Camelot. Starring Richard Kiley and Jenny Agutter (r)
4.10 Film: Blondie (1938, b/w). First of the feature-length films based on the comic-strip character and her husband, Dagwood. The boss sends Dagwood chasing after an important contract, but Blondie thinks he's chasing after another woman. Starring Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake. Directed by Frank Strayer
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilsen. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Film: Banana Ridge (1941). Creaky film version of the Ben Travers farce, starring Robertson Hare and Alfred Drayton as two friends and business associates whose lives are disrupted when adventuress Isobel Jeans arrives and claims that one of them is father of her 23-year-old son. Directed by Walter M. Mycroft
11.00 As It Happens: On the Thames. Series of programmes consisting entirely of one take — there is no editing and the camera is never turned off. This morning Michael Groth takes a journey up the Thames (r)
12.00 Flowering Passions: Back to the Fuchsia (r). (Teletext)
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (r)
2.00 Film: I Married an Angel (1942, b/w). Lavish and tuneful MGM musical that marked the last screen appearance of the team of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. In Budapest a costume ball is being thrown for the playboy count and bank owner Willie Palaffi (Eddy). The ball will be attended by most of the city's eligible ladies, hoping to ensnare Palaffi. But the contrary count decides to dance with his junior typist (MacDonald). Directed by W.S. Van Dyke **3.35 Crime Does Not Pay: Purity Squad** (b/w). Short drama with a moral
4.00 Get Smart. Return of the delightful Sixties spy-spoof, written by Mel Brooks and Buck Henry and starring Don Adams
4.30 Countdown. Well-established words and numbers game show
5.00 More Winners: The Paper Boy. Continuing the series of dramas made by the Australian Children's Television Foundation
6.00 The Wonder Years: Wayne on Wheels. Sitcom about growing up in the United States during the Sixties (r)
6.30 Tour de France. The third stage. Villeurbanne to Dijon, a distance of 209km
7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 Comment. Another viewer talks about a topic that concerns them
8.00 Brookside. Realistic Liverpudlian soap. (Teletext)
8.30 My Two Dads. Lightweight American sitcom about two single men who jointly inherit a daughter

The world is her oyster: Christina Dodwell mixes it (9.00pm)

9.00 Travellers' Tales: The Black Pearls of Polynesia.
● CHOICE: After last week's irreverent travelogue from Howard Jacobson we return to a more conventional mode as Christina Dodwell journeys across the Pacific in search of a very special gem, the black pearl. At least that is the ostensible purpose of a 3,000 mile journey that takes in a variety of islands, landscapes and cultures. A linking theme is man's interference with the natural world. Oysters are a prime example, no longer fished from a sleepy lagoon but systematically farmed. In the process 35 per cent die and just over one per cent produce top quality pearls. The stereotypical picture of South Seas paradise is also shattered in the Cook Islands, where grass-skirted dancers wiggle their hips for the tourists. Like all good travellers, Dodwell is not afraid to mix it, embarking on her first scuba dive for ten years and accompanying an eccentric Frenchman to the sea bed to feed the sharks
10.00 E.N.G: False Fire. Fast-paced Canadian drama series following the lives of the tough news team from Channel 10, an independent television station in downtown Toronto. Morgan (Cynthia Belliveau) receives a series of anonymous tips regarding accidents on a construction site. (Teletext)
11.00 Down Under.
● CHOICE: *Down Under* is an eight-week season of recent films from Australia, comprising more than 30 items, including features, television dramas, documentaries and shorts. This cornucopia is designed to showcase the best work of new film-makers who emerged in the latter part of the Eighties and illustrate their concern with such themes as Australia's racial minorities. Few of the films have had commercial screenings in Britain. Tonight's offering, three early shorts by the director Jane Campion, may be one of the more esoteric. Each of the pieces is to an extent experimental, showing a young film-maker trying out techniques she will later take for granted. The most substantial, *After Hours*, is the elliptically-told story of a young woman office worker who claims she has been sexually abused by her boss
12.15am Tour de France. A repeat of the programme shown at 6.30. Ends at 12.48

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Discovering Gardens 5.10-5.40 Tell the Truth 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 Sailaway 11.10 Film: Hollow Point 12.55 Sportsworld Extra 1.55 Night Heat 2.50 The ITV Chart Show 3.50 Terrorvision 4.05 60 Minutes 5.00-5.30 Pick of the Week

BORDER
As London except: 1.50pm Daytime Green 2.20 Sons and Daughters 2.50-3.15 Graham Kerr 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Monday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Country in Concert 11.40 The Law and Harry McGraw 12.35 Film: The Man Who Finally Died 2.25 America's Top Ten 2.50 Pick of the Week 3.20 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.10 The Hit Man and Her 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Right or Wrong? 5.10-5.40 Gardening Time 6.25-7.00 Central News 12.50 Prisoner Cell Block H 1.45 The Forum Presents 2.40 Wrestling 3.35 Entertainment UK 4.35-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 1.50pm Daytime Green 2.20-3.15 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Concrete Chariots 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 Coach 12.35 Film: The Man Who Finally Died 2.25 America's Top Ten 2.55 Pick of the Week 3.25 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.15 The Hit Man and Her 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm The Sullivans 2.20-2.50 All Muck and Magic? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.35-7.00 What's On

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Prime Time

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Young Doctors 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00-7.00 TSW Today 10.40 Film: The Sword and the Sorcerer 12.35 Film: The Man Who Finally Died 2.25 America's Top Ten 2.50 Pick of the Week 3.20 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.10 The Hit Man and Her 5.05-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 2.20pm Coast to Coast People 2.45-3.15 Divorcing Daddy 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 To Romania — With Love 1.45 Special Squad 2.45 Film: The Silent One 5.00-5.30 Countryside Close

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Flashback 10.40 McNally 11.10 Books By My Bedside 11.40 Special Squad 12.35 Film: The Man Who Finally Died 2.25 America's Top Ten 2.50 Pick of the Week 3.20 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.10 The Hit Man and Her 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-3.15 Film: Thunder Over the Plains 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Ronan on the Road 10.40 Where Roved the Rose 11.10 Married...with Children 11.40 The New Avengers 12.35 Film: The Man Who Finally Died 2.25 Top Ten 2.50 Pick of the Week 3.20 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.10 Hit Man and Her 5.05-5.30 Jobs

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.00pm-3.15 Film: The Marked One* 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Home From Home 10.40 Rags of Angels 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30 Film: Assault 2.10 Vietnam, the Ten Thousand Day War 2.40 Trans World Sport 3.40 Music Box 4.10 Music Box Profile 4.40-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am *C4* Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.20 Rainbow Serpent 10.50 Bread and Honey 11.05 Film: Sagebrush Trail* 12.00 Family Pride 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Flowering Passions 2.30 Film: Angels Wash Their Faces* 4.00 A Different World 4.30 Easy Does It 4.45 The Munsters* 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Now You're Talking 7.00 Dinas 7.30 Rygbi 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.30 Tour de France 10.00 thirtysomething 11.00 Down Under 12.15-12.40 Tour de France

RTE 1
Starts: 3.05am News followed by The Love Boat 4.05 News followed by We're Cooking Now 4.30 Carson's Law 5.15 283 Useful Ideas from Japan 5.30 A Country Practice 6.01 Six-One 6.30 Stan Laurel 6.40 Family Pictures 7.05 Slow Boat from Surabaya 8.05 The Young Riders 9.00 News 9.20 China Beach 10.10 Distant Drum 10.40 Charmer 11.35-11.45 News

NETWORK 2
Starts: 3.05pm Bosco 3.35 Charlie Chalk 3.50 How Do You Do 4.05 The Raccoons 4.30 The Real Ghostbusters 4.55 Film: The London Connection 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Fenouillard Family 7.05 Coach 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News and The Game on Monday 9.00 The Golden Girls 9.30 News and followed by Film: Half Hero 11.10-11.30 News

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Hildegard of Bingen (Columba aspexit); Gibbons (Two Fantasies); Lully, arr de Visée): Flecha the elder (La Bomba)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Satie (En habit de cheval); Saint-Saëns (Morceau de concert); Horowitz (Carmen Variations); Sor (Caprice, Le Calme); Bizet (L'Arlésienne, Suite No 1)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Beethoven (Octet in E flat, Op 103; Quintet in C, Op 29)
9.35 Morning Sequence (FM only from 10.55): Schubert (Die Nacht: Anthony Rolfe-Johnson, tenor, Graham Johnson, piano); Mozart (Serenata notturna: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood); Schubert (Abendstern; Die Sterne, Zur guten Nacht); Schoenberg (Verklärte Nacht: Berlin PO under von Karajan); Schubert (An den Mond; Idens Nachtgesang); Vaughan-Williams (Serenade to Music: LPO under Vernon Handley); Britten (Nocturne: ECO under the composer, with Peter Pears, tenor)
10.55-6.30pm Test Match Special (MW only): England v West Indies. Fourth day of the third Test at Trent Bridge. **1.05pm** News. **1.10** Talking Point. **1.30** County Scoreboard. **1.40-6.30** Commentary
11.30 BBC Scottish SO (FM only) under Fedor Glushchenko performs Prokofiev (Classical Symphony; Piano Concerto No 4 for left hand: Boris Berman); Shostakovich (Symphony No 15)
1.00pm News (FM only)
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert (FM only): Final concert of the 1990/91 season. Lucia Popp, soprano, Irwin Gage, piano, perform Dvořák (Five Songs, 1888), Mahler (Songs from Des Knaben Wunderhorn); Strauss (Six Songs)
2.05 Langham CO (FM only) under Ronald Corp performs Suk (Meditation, Op 35b); Janáček (Idyla)
2.45 Carnegie Archive (FM only): Final programme. Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat: Van Cliburn; RCA SO under Kiril Kondrashin); Bellini (Col sorriso d'innocenza, Il pirata: Concertgebouw Festival Orchestra under Nicola Rescigno, with Maria Callas, soprano); Brahms (Trio in C minor, Op 101: Isaac Stern, violin, Leonard Rose, cello, Eugene Istomin, piano); Ives (Symphony No 3, The Camp Meeting: NYPO under Leonard Bernstein); Beethoven (Sonata in F minor, Op 57: Sviatoslav Richter, piano): Rossini (Alle più calde, Semiramide: LSO under Richard Bonynge, with Joan Sutherland, soprano, Marilyn Horne, mezzo); Rachmaninov (Polka de VR: Vladimir Horowitz, piano)
5.05 The Italian Side of Bach (FM only): Fifth of six programmes. Thomas Trotter, organ, plays J.S. Bach (Concerto No 5 in D minor, BWV 596; Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only until 6.30), with Brian Wright
7.00 News
7.05 Four Runyon Rogues: Earthquake. Kerry Shale reads the second of four stories by Damon Runyon (r)
7.30 Haydn in Oxford: A re-creation of the concert given 200 years ago to celebrate the presentation to Haydn of an honorary doctorate by Oxford University. Choirs of Christ Church, Magdalen and New Colleges; English Concert under Pinnock perform Handel (Overture and Chorus, Acis and Galatea; Total Eclipse, Samson); Hayes (Harpsichord Concerto); Handel (Let the Bright Seraphim; Let Their Celestial Choirs Unite, Samson). **8.10** Interval Reading. **8.15** Haydn (Symphony No 92 in G, Oxford); Purcell (From Silent Shades); Arne (Behold, on Lethe's Dismal Strand); Handel (He Gave Them Hailstones, Israel in Egypt). **9.15** Interval Reading. **9.20** Pleyel (Sinfonia Concertante No 1 in E flat); Haydn (Come il foco, Orfeo); Handel (Zadok the Priest)
10.20 Poet of the Month: Pete Scupham reads his "Watching the Perseids" and "Jacob's Ladder"
10.30 Mixing It, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Polish Romantics (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with Henry Tankel **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Playback: Oh Ron! June Whitfield recalls the classic radio show *Take It from Here* **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week, with Mark Lawson and guests (s)
10.00 News; Money Box Moneycheck (s) (r)
10.30 Morning Story: I'll Never Know, by A.L. Barker. Read by Angela Thorne (s)
10.45 Daily Service from St Gregory's Church in Cheltenham (s)
11.00 News; Down Your Way: Anthony Parkin visits the Royal Agricultural Show, Stoneleigh (s) (r)
11.40 Poetry Please! Simon Rae with listeners' poetry requests (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1991: First Semi-Final. Robert Robinson chairs the nationwide general knowledge contest (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Kenneth Anger, Jackie Collins and Julia Phillips discuss Hollywood gossip; there is an interview with the fashion designer Katharine Hamnett; and a report on the erection of a memorial in Aberdeen to the victims of the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster
3.00 News; Murder on the Links: John Moffatt plays Agatha Christie's Belgian detective Hercule Poirot in a dramatisation by Michael Bakewell. On his arrival in France, Poirot discovers that his client is dead (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope visits the Sainsbury Wing of the National Gallery; the Chinese-American novelist Amy Tan talks about her latest novel *The Kitchen God's Wife*; the music of the Scottish group Capercaillie; and a review of a new recording by the Hilliard Ensemble of *Music from Five Centuries* (s)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Humphrey Lyttelton chairs the classic panel game (s) (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Wilko Down Under: Tony Wilkinson leafs through the local papers of Australia and New Zealand. In the third of a six-part series he visits the *Manukau Courier* in Otara, New Zealand (s) (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: A Scourge of Hyacinths
● CHOICE: The Nigerian writer Wole Soyinka won the 1986 Nobel Prize for literature. So it is only to be expected that his play will develop along more thought-provoking lines than those of a thriller. Hakeem Kae-Kazim plays the Nigerian, wrongly accused of offences against the state, who becomes as enmeshed in the deadly coils of a new and repressive regime as the local waterways become choked by the roots of giant weeds. The symbolism is no less powerful for being blatant. Carmen Monroe plays the mother whose own roots are of a more ancient and less constrictive order (s)
8.45 A Sense of Place: Teesside — a Vast Dingy Conjuring Trick. Andy Croft explores the second of three northern English regions and discovers how its traditional identity has been shaped by writers (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Full House, by Molly Keane. Read by Sara Kestleman (6 of 10)
11.00 The Best of Bentine: Michael Bentine stars in the last of seven one-man show, first broadcast in 1984 (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.33am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Playabout 9.00 Card Sharks 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Alf 8.00 The Chisholms: Second of a three-part mini series 11.00 Hill Street Blues 12.00 The Outer Limits 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Beyond 2000 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Beyond 2000 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 A Bunny's Tale (1985): The true story of a journalist who goes undercover at a Playboy club. Starring Kirstie Alley and Mary Woronov
12.00 What Price Victory? (1988): Drama about the unscrupulous methods used by an American college to recruit its football team Starring Mac Davis and Robert Culp
2.00pm Project Tinman (1988): A peace-loving android is kidnapped by the military who want to turn it into a killing machine. Starring Hunt Block and Liam Russom
4.00 Burning Secret (1988): A charming but amoral baron meets a woman and her asthmatic son at a health spa. Starring Faye Dunaway and Klaus Maria Brandauer
6.00 Archer (1985): True story of the first winner of the Melbourne Cup horse race held in 1862. Starring Brett Climo and Robert Coleby
8.00 Turner and Hooch (1989). Comedy mystery about a small-town police investigator (Tom Hanks), who teams up with the only witness to a murder, a slobbering, undisciplined junkyard dog
9.45 UK Top Ten
10.00 Heathers (1988): Black comedy about two high school rebels whose attempts to bring down a high school clique end in murder. Starring Winona Ryder and Christian Slater
11.45 Licence to Kill (1989): James Bond (Timothy Dalton) carries out a personal vendetta
2.00am Pass the Ammo (1988): Comedy about two modern-day Robin Hoods who plan a raid on a television evangelist. Starring Bill Paxton, Linda Kozlowski
4.00 My Stepmother Is an Alien (1988): A scientist (Dan Aykroyd) marries a beautiful extra-terrestrial (Kim Basinger). Ends at 5.45

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The Brady 500 (1988): Further adventures with the Brady Bunch
8.15 *Ozma of Oz:* Family adventure film inspired by L. Frank Baum's *Oz* stories
10.15 The Miracle Worker (1962, b/w): The true story of blind and deaf girl Helen Keller and her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Starring Anne Bancroft
12.15pm Istanbul (1957): Adventure film about a group of fortune seekers hunting for stolen diamonds. Starring Errol Flynn
2.15 The Party (1968): A satire on Hollywood lifestyles starring Peter Sellers as an accident-prone Indian actor invited to a party held by a studio chief
4.15 Aurora Encounter (1986): Children's fantasy about a spaceman who visits the town of Aurora, Texas, in the 1800s. Starring Jack Elam and Dottie West
6.15 Gawain and the Green Knight (1973): A re-telling of the Arthurian legend. Starring Murray Head and Ciaran Madden
8.15 The Deceivers (1988). A British officer goes undercover in India to infiltrate the murderous Thuggee brotherhood. Starring Pierce Brosnan
10.15 The Buddy Holly Story (1978): Bio-pic of the famous rock 'n' roll singer, killed tragically early in a plane crash. Starring Gary Busey and Don Stroud
12.10am Willow (1988): A fantasy adventure about a swashbuckler who must deliver a special baby to safety. Starring Val Kilmer and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer
2.15 Aria (1988): Eight short films, each inspired by a different operatic aria
3.45 Sunset (1988): Screen cowboy Tom Mix teams up with legendary sheriff Wyatt Earp to solve a murder in Twenties Hollywood. Starring Bruce Willis and James Garner. Ends at 6.30

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
1.00pm Wimbledon 3.00 Australian Rugby League 5.00 A Day at the Beach 6.00 Tuff Trax 7.00 Power Hour Wrestling 8.00 Test Match Cricket 10.00 Superbouts 11.00 Basketball 12.00 Test Match Cricket

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Tennis Gstaad 2.00pm Cycling Tour de France 3.30 Live Tennis Gstaad 5.30 Cycling Tour de France Highlights 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Mobil Motorsport 7.30 Tennis Gstaad 8.30 Boxing 9.30 Cycling Tour de France 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Copa America 1991 8.30 Powersports 9.30 Revs 10.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 11.00 Sailing 12.00 Copa America 1991 1.20pm Motor Sport 2.30 Amateur Cycling 3.00 World Sport Special 3.30 Copa America 1991 5.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 6.00 Gol 7.00 Fight Night at the Forum 8.00 Copa America 1991 9.30 Grand Prix Films 10.00 Golf Tour 11.20 Copa America 1991

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 We're Cooking Now 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's Cooking 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 It's Your Lifestyle 2.40 The Tom Ewell Show 3.10 Lifestyle Special: Lovers of the Lake 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Mothers-in-Law 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Out on Blue Six 10.00 Johnnie Walker Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Martin Kelner 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Claire Rayner: Living with the Menopause 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory 7.30 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35am Alex Lester with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 News and Sport: Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 This Family Business, incl at 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Time Travel: John Campbell visits St Bartholomew's Hospital, founded in 1123 1.00 News and Sport: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.20 Test Match Special Plus: Fourth day of the third Test between England and the West Indies at Trent Bridge 6.15 Five Aside, incl 7.00 News; Sport 7.20 Magic, Tricks and Lies: Theseus and the Minotaur. First of five Greek tales 7.35 The Blade of the Poisoner, by Douglas Hill (2 of 4) 8.05 How We Worked Then: Journalism (r) 8.20 Mega Mix 8.50 Fanshawe on Five 9.30 Comic Cuts: Helen Lederer meets Kit Hollerbach (4 of 8) 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 The Mix, incl 11.00 Sport) 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 Letter from America 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 The Week Ahead 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 The Making of the Middle East 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Taking Issue Around the UK 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Health Matters 9.30 Anything Goes 10.00 World News 10.09 World Business Report Live 10.15 The Learning World 10.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 The Making of the Middle East 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Composers of the Month. Thomas Tallis 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Brain of Britain 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook Live 3.30 Off the Shelf: Jonathan, Son of Jeremiah 3.45 Your Questions of Faith 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Your Questions of Faith 8.45 Health Matters 9.00 World News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 The Vintage Chart Show: July 1987 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Europe's World 11.20 Sports International 11.30 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Artists at Work 12.30 Multitrack 1 1.30 Jazz Score 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Folk in Britain 2.45 Health Matters 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Europe's World 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 John Peel 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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Deaf and proud of it

Denying deaf children the chance to learn Signing deprives them of the essence of their being. So says one mother in this Friday's TES.

TES
THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Lake Baikal pollution threatens world system

From Bruce Clark in Irkutsk

LAKE Baikal, the aqueous equivalent of Brazil's rain forest, is edging towards the environmental abyss, with incalculable consequences for the world's ecosystem. Like Amazonia, the Siberian lake is so vast and seemingly endless in its capacity to absorb man's misdeeds that environmentalists find it difficult to muster the proper sense of urgency.

The problem looming over the lake, which contains one-fifth of the world's fresh water, is, however, more imminent than that facing Brazil; and the madness of polluting it — in the strictest economic terms — even more obvious.

The lake is larger than Belgium, more than a mile deep and the biggest single generator of new forms of waterborne life. Superficially, it presents a happier picture than the Aral Sea, which has been reduced by fertilising irrigation schemes to two lifeless pools and a bowl of salty dust that is poisoning Soviet Central Asia.

In spite of 27 years of discharge from the cellulose and paper factory at Baikalsk on its southern shores, the lake's water has been safer to drink than anything out of an urban tap, thanks to a cleaning system operated by tiny crustaceans.

According to Dr Grigori Galazy, head of the Baikal Ecological Museum, the lake is the sole habitat of 600 forms of plant life and 1,200 forms of animal life, in all two-thirds of the waterborne species known on the planet. These include 80 of the 120 species of mollusc, 600 of the 1,100 forms of seaweed, 252 out of 450 species of crustacean, and seven families of sponge. The 50 species of fish range from sturgeon to the small but protein-rich omul.

The 600,000 inhabitants of Irkutsk, upstream from the lake on the Angara river, are concerned about the water pollution, but there is little sense of impending disaster. But two recent developments have made it obvious that all is not well. The omul, which provides vital nutrition for vitamin-deficient Siberia, has halved in weight to barely six ounces, and is spawning later. Over the past three years, an epidemic has killed 10 per cent of the lake's seals. Dr Galazy says these are a foretaste of a wider breakdown of the bio-system that is inevitable given present trends.

Although the paper mill uses the best filtration available, the 1.5 billion cubic metres (4.25 billion cubic feet) of effluent it has discharged requires 10,000 times as much water to sterilise it. Dr Galazy estimates that two-thirds of the lake has been "affected" by the struggle to neutralise pollution; in a few years, the cleaning system's limits will be reached.

One calculation puts the cost of the damage wrought by the factory every three days as greater than its annual output, placing a rather arbitrary value of 0.02 roubles on a litre of Baikal water.

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Neighbourhood salute: From the inner city entrepreneurs of Ardwick, in Manchester, to the Londoners who refused to allow the elevated A40 Westway to devastate their lives, groups of people across the country are maintaining their optimism in the face of economic gloom. Tomorrow their efforts are saluted by the Prince of Wales, patron of *The Times*/Riba Community Enterprise Scheme awards, as this year's winners are announced

High styling: Liz Smith previews the London haute couture shows and discovers a cosy club catering for a chic clique with little of the high gloss that characterises the fashion scene in Paris or Rome

TONY WHITE

Summer love: holidaymakers and daytrippers at Viking Bay, Broadstairs, Kent, are wild about Britain's warm snap that sent temperatures soaring

Welcome weather wanes

By Joe Joseph

TAKE your raincoats back out of the cupboard. Those familiar thunderstorms are rolling towards Britain again, putting an end to an interlude of sunshine that seemed to prove once again that the one thing that throws Britons more than sudden wet weather is sudden hot weather.

The blue-rinsed bathers of Bournemouth were on tenterhooks after a 15ft rogue shark was apparently sighted off the Dorset coast, a traditional sign of freakish summer weather or heat-induced delirium.

A woman aged 19 had to be flown to hospital in Swindon after she was run over by a camper van as she stretched out after an all-night open-air party attended by 3,000 people. A 12-mile stretch of the M11 started to melt near Harlow in Essex yesterday.

Matthew Parris, page 14

Media criticised for ageism

OLDER people should be "seen and not blurred" by the media, the Centre for Policy on Ageing tells journalists and broadcasters in a report.

The report, *Out of Focus*, recommends the immediate adoption of a code of practice to combat ageism in the media. It accuses the media of reinforcing widespread gerontophobia — fear of ageing — by stereotyping and ignoring Britain's growing population of over-60s.

The report says that newspapers and television programmes have failed to focus on the varying needs and experiences of older people.

Its author, Eric Midwinter, says: "Older people are everywhere around us but if they are in the picture, their image is often distorted. More often they appear on the periphery or not at all. We need to ensure they are seen and heard more often."

The report says that age should not be used as a "shorthand cue" to sum up a person's ability, temperament, economic circumstance or personality. "A given age, be it 60 or 65 or 75, means little or nothing when used to tag a person. It is frequently misleading, inappropriate or superfluous," the report says.

It points to the last census, which showed that more people over 70 were reported as "economically active" than "permanently ill".

Epithets like "pensioner" and "the elderly" should also be avoided, as they conjured up a negative association. The frequent use of "pensioner" in headlines cried out 'state pensioner', "person on low income", and by extension, dependency, poverty, illness and isolation. Instead, older people should be described by their status as represented by sociology's "four ages" — childhood, full-time employment and family rearing, independence, and decline and dependence.

The report, compiled with Help The Aged, calls for balance in the representation of older people. "One would expect to see the meddlesome old man or forgetful 'old woman (they were probably meddlesome and forgetful in younger age) but also older people with more vital and constructive qualities."

SOCIOLOGY'S FOUR AGES: **Melinda Wittstock** (aged 27) on a report suggesting that people should be described by their status in life, represented by four sociological ages:

- the age of childhood and socialisation;
- the age of full-time employment and family rearing;
- the age of active independence beyond that;
- and the fourth age of decline and dependence.

SHAKESPEARE'S SEVEN AGES:

At first the infant,/ Mewling and puking . . .
And then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel . . .
And then the lover,/
  Sighing like furnace . . .
Then a soldier, full of strange oaths . . .
  And then the justice,/ In fair round belly . . .
The sixth age shifts/ Into the lean and slipper'd pantaloon . . .
  Last scene of all . . . In second childishness, and mere oblivion,/ Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

Tories try to quell poll fever

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vative policies for the next election. The battlefront this week turns to industrial relations with an attack by Michael Howard, the employment secretary, on Labour's links with the unions and claims that its plans would open the way to a fresh wave of secondary action. Tony Blair, his Labour shadow, will attempt to pre-empt it with a speech tomorrow on training skills that he will say proves Labour has an agenda for the 1990s, while the Tories are still fighting the battles of the 1970s.

Ministers clearly want to avoid a repetition of the period before June when Mr Major was constantly coming under pressure either to rule in or rule out an early election. Labour's interest is clearly to maintain the electioneering atmosphere, in order to portray any decision against an autumn poll as a climbdown.

Lawson denies claim of betrayal

Continued from page 1

the Madrid summit in 1989. They had no right to force their viewpoint on Mrs Thatcher, let alone by the strong-arm methods they used, he said. "If they were unhappy as members of the cabinet with the policies being pursued, the right course for them to have taken was to resign. Threatening to resign is a different thing: it is an abuse of the position of a cabinet minister. To use it as a weapon in the day-to-day conduct of business is to apply an unfair pressure. No wonder Thatcher was annoyed. Could she ever trust either again?"

The Ridley memoirs were littered with errors, Mr Lawson alleged. In an interview on BBC television's *On the Record* programme he gave the first detailed description of the meeting that he and Sir Geoffrey had with Mrs Thatcher on the Sunday before she flew out to Madrid, in which they had threatened to resign. He disclosed that neither had been consulted by Mrs Thatcher in advance of the summit.

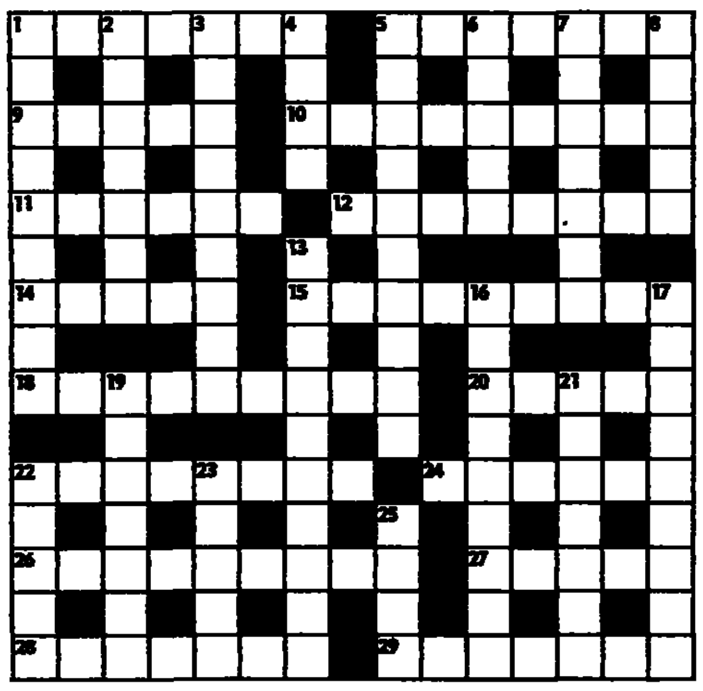
Sir Geoffrey told her there should be a term set by which Britain would join the ERM. If not, he would feel his position was impossible and he would have to resign. "I indicated that if Geoffrey Howe felt that he could not stay, I would have felt obliged to go too."

Mr Lawson added: "There was no sham. If Sir Geoffrey had resigned at that time I would have gone too." At the meeting Mrs Thatcher was very displeased and tight-lipped: "I think she was very angry. She said very little, but everybody who knew her could see she was very angry." He said he deplored allegations that he had stabbed her in the back. "All the discussions were absolutely face-to-face with her. I never had any discussions behind her back."

Mr Lawson also disclosed that there had been a meeting of senior ministers to discuss ERM entry in 1985 at which Mrs Thatcher had been outnumbered.

Mr Ridley, referring to Mrs Thatcher's departure, said she had made two vital mistakes, agreeing that the challenge to her could take place while she was in Paris and appointing a weak campaign team. "Arriving back in London on November 19 from the weekend, I was horrified at the apparent apathy of her campaign team and worse still, the smell of disintegration."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,652



ACROSS

1 Flourish, fitting into Society? Quite the reverse (7).
5 Coal fire started by logs initially (7).
9 Alter arrangement in time (5).
10 In Yorkshire, back the other Rose to trap players following on (9).
11 Silver found in lake is paltry (6).
12 Eccentric dispute in French region (8).
14 Spiteful race in Caribbean island (5).
15 Financial controller making rate revision more certain (9).
18 Illumination needed for backward degree student meeting difficulty (9).
20 Rides booked by Cobbett were so countrified (5).
22 Personally select worker and implement (4-4).
24 Run to take part in smart procession (6).
26 Insure against illness for short holiday — at Nice, perhaps (9).
27 Visitor intuitively indentified by word of mouth (5).
28 Fair investment of money in bond (7).
29 Very small sum included in cover is inadequate (7).

DOWN

1 Controversial motorway splitting European state (9).
2 Ishmael, say, not in form (7).
3 Picture by surreal photographer in grand opening (9).
4 Travelled on right lines (4).
5 Disguised aliens met, possessing new features (10).
6 From Nicaragua valuable fruit is exported (5).
7 Greet, in turn, the whole number (7).
8 Always poetic — that's weird (5).
13 The kind of skill needed to produce *Pinafore*? (10).
16 Tricky movement for rock bands to prize (9).
17 Ambassador owing money is sent down (9).
19 Examine mounting in spy glass (7).
21 Design apparent in cut of old dress (7).
22 "Cry _____ and let slip the dogs of war" *(J Caesar)* (5).
23 Brief heyday (5).
25 Consummate ring performer (4).

Concise crossword, page 17

PARKER
DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,651 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

BYZANTINES

PROTOVESTIARIOS
a. A bishop's cope
b. A palace eunuch
c. A Greek Orthodox vestry

CATENAE
a. The prison at Constantinople
b. Armoured cavalry
c. Strings of quotes

PORPHYROGENNETOS
a. A purple dye
b. An imperial child
c. A heretical theologian

NESTORIANS
a. Church elders
b. Long-winded writers
c. Heretics

Answers on page 18, column 1

For the latest AA traffic and roadworks information, 24 hours a day, dial 0836 401 followed by the appropriate code.

London & SE

C. London (within N & S Circs.)	731
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T	733
M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23	734
M-ways/roads M23-M4	735
M25 London Orbital only	736

National

National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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Rain into south-west England and south Wales will reach south-east England, the Midlands and Northern Ireland around midday, and eastern England and southern Scotland this afternoon. Northern Scotland will be affected later, but may have a thunderstorm this morning. Brighter, showery weather will reach Devon and Cornwall and spread to most areas. Outlook: sunshine and showers, heavier in the north.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	s	Madrid	26	79	s
Akrotiri	27	81	s	Majorca	28	82	s
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Malaga	29	84	s
Algiers	25	77	f	Malta	30	86	s
Amst'dm	25	77	s	Melb'rne	12	54	s
Athens	30	86	f	Miami*	32	90	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Montreal*	23	73	c
Barbados*	30	86	s	Moscow	23	73	f
Barcelna	27	81	s	Munich	28	82	s
Belgrade	28	82	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	29	84	s	Naples	31	88	s
Bermuda*	30	86	f	N Delhi	38	100	c
Biarritz	24	75	s	N York*	26	79	c
Borde'x	25	77	s	Nice	27	81	s
Brussels	25	77	s	Oslo	29	84	s
Budapest	28	82	f	Paris	25	77	r
B Aires*	15	59	f	Peking	30	86	f
Cairo	30	86	s	Perth	12	54	s
Cape Tn	14	57	c	Prague	27	81	s
Chicago*	34	93	f	Reykjavik	22	72	s
Ch'church	5	41	c	Rhodes	27	81	s
Cologne	30	86	s	Rio de J	20	68	s
C'phagn	29	84	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
Corfu	29	84	f	Rome	27	79	s
Dublin	21	70	c	Salzburg	28	82	s
Dubrovnik	30	86	s	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Faro	25	77	s	Santiago*	12	54	f
Florence	35	95	s	S Paulo*	21	70	c
Frankfurt	31	88	s	Seoul	19	66	r
Funchal	22	72	s	Sing'por	27	81	r
Geneva	25	77	s	St'kholm	29	84	s
Gibraltar	28	82	s	Strasb'rg	31	88	s
Helsinki	27	81	s	Sydney	15	59	c
Hong K	30	86	f	Tangier	23	73	s
Innsbrck	29	84	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Istanbul	25	77	f	Tenerife	26	79	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	28	82	s
Jo'burg*	17	63	s	Toronto*	28	82	f
Karachi	29	84	c	Tunis	33	91	s
L Palmas	26	79	s	Valencia	31	88	s
Le Tquet	18	64	r	Vanc'ver*	17	63	s
Lisbon	25	77	f	Venice	30	86	s
Locarno	30	86	c	Vienna	27	81	s
London	25	77	f	Warsaw	27	81	s
L Angels*	22	72	f	Wash'ton*	34	93	s
Luxembg	29	84	s	Wel'nton	9	48	f
Luxor	37	99	s	Zurich	27	81	s

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.05
Austria Sch	21.70	20.20
Belgium Fr	63.60	59.50
Canada $	1.95	1.80
Denmark Kr	11.92	11.17
Finland Mkk	7.39	6.94
France Fr	10.39	9.74
Germany Dm	3.06	2.86
Greece Dr	333.00	313.00
Hong Kong $	13.09	12.09
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.08
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	238.00	221.00
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.25
Norway Kr	12.07	11.27
Portugal Esc	268.50	250.50
South Africa Rd	5.65	5.05
Spain Pta	191.75	178.75
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.45
Switzerland Fr	2.655	2.485
Turkey Lira	7600.00	6800.00
USA $	1.71	1.585
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 25C (77F); min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.08 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.8 hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	12.1	-	21	70	sunny
Anglesey	10.1	.18	25	77	thundr
Belfast	7.0	-	22	72	bright
Birmingham	7.7	.50	24	75	bright
Blackpool	6.8	.04	26	79	thundr
Bristol	10.1	.11	22	72	sunny
Cardiff	10.4	.02	21	70	sunny
Douglas	1.7	-	21	70	cloudy
Edinburgh	8.4	-	19	66	sunny
Exmouth	9.9	.96	18	64	sunny
Falmouth	-	.03	17	63	shower
Glasgow	11.4	-	25	77	sunny
Jersey	11.6	.03	23	73	sunny
Leeds	2.2	-	25	77	bright
Lowestoft	10.2	-	27	81	sunny
Manchester	7.0	.41	25	77	thundr
Minehead	9.7	.32	22	72	sunny
Newquay	1.7	.11	25	77	rain
Nottingham	7.0	.42	25	77	thundr
Penzance	1.5	.05	18	64	cloudy
Poole	11.4	.32	21	70	sunny
Scarborough	8.6	-	19	66	bright
Stornoway	9.5	-	21	70	sunny
Teignmouth	11.3	.56	18	64	sunny
Tenby	10.5	.02	19	66	sunny
Tiree	11.0	*	26	79	sunny
Torquay	12.8	.39	20	68	sunny
Weymouth	12.0	.32	19	66	sunny

These are Saturday's figures

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 26C (79F): min 6 pm to 6 am, 18C (64F). Humidity: 6pm, 45 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 13.5 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,015.9 millibars, falling.
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Saturday: Highest day temp: Kilmory, Highland, 28C (82F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Isles of Scilly, 2.71 in; highest sunshine: Bournemouth, 13.6 hr.

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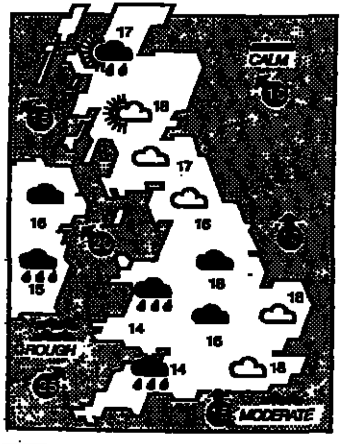

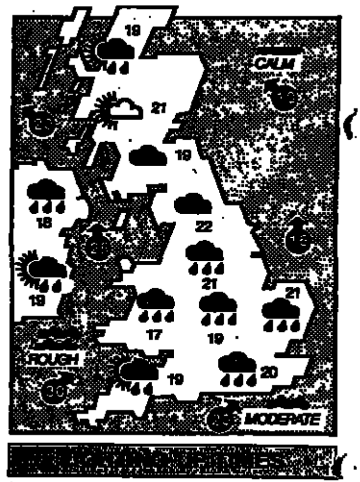

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	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	22	72	s	Guernsey	15	59	c
B'rmgham	24	75	f	Inverness	19	66	s
Blackpool	25	77	s	Jersey	16	61	r
Bristol	21	70	f	London	25	77	f
Cardiff	19	66	c	M'nchster	25	77	s
Edinburgh	16	61	r	Newcastle	17	63	r
Glasgow	24	75	f	R'nldsway	21	70	s

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 26C (79F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 14.2 hr.

London 9.18 pm to 4.54 am
Bristol 9.27 pm to 5.04 am
Edinburgh 9.57 pm to 4.39 am
Manchester 9.37 pm to 4.51 am
Penzance 9.32 pm to 5.22 am

Sun rises: 4.53 am
Sun sets: 9.18 pm
Moon rises 1.08 am
Moon sets 6.14 pm
New Moon July 11

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 3.45pm, 6.15pm and 9.30pm

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.00	6.0	11.21	6.1	Liverpool	8.20	8.0	8.59	8.1
Aberdeen	10.34	3.6	11.20	3.6	Lowestoft	6.56	2.1	7.00	2.2
Avonmouth	4.01	10.8	4.35	11.0	Margate	9.11	4.1	9.27	4.2
Belfast	8.00	3.1	8.45	3.1	Milford Haven	3.02	5.7	3.39	5.7
Cardiff	3.46	10.1	4.20	10.3	Newquay	2.01	5.8	2.37	5.8
Devonport	2.28	4.5	3.14	4.6	Oban	3.06	3.2	3.25	3.1
Dover	8.07	5.6	8.34	5.9	Penzance	1.42	4.5	2.25	4.6
Falmouth	1.58	4.3	2.44	4.4	Portland	3.29	1.4	4.12	1.6
Glasgow	9.46	4.0	10.28	4.1	Portsmouth	8.36	3.9	9.05	4.1
Harwich	8.58	3.5	9.20	3.5	Shoreham	8.14	5.1	8.51	5.4
Holyhead	7.34	4.8	8.16	4.8	Southampton	8.14	3.8	8.43	4.1
Hull	3.19	6.1	3.44	6.4	Swansea	3.13	7.9	3.50	8.0
Ilfracombe	2.47	7.5	3.28	7.5	Tees	12.46	4.5	1.07	4.7
King's Lynn	3.28	5.1	3.48	5.5	W'ton-on-Nze	8.55	3.7	9.18	3.7
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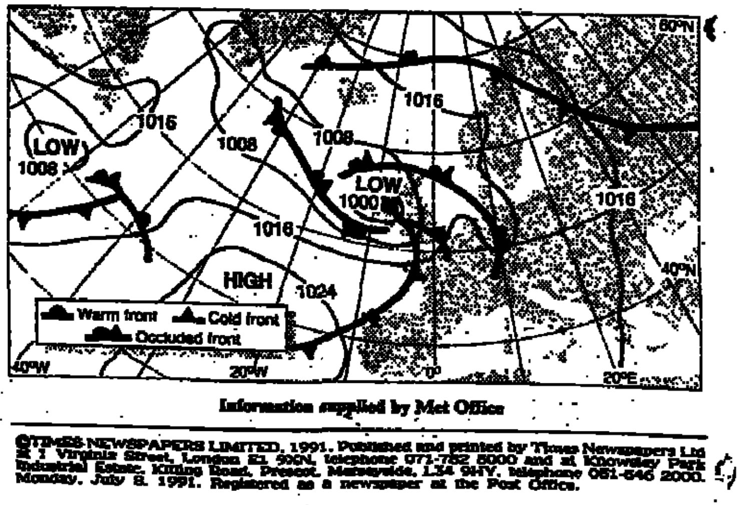

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Business gloom increases pressure for base rate cut

By Colin Narborough, Colin Campbell and Philip Bassett

TWO nationwide surveys that show Britain's business leaders braced for still deeper recession will intensify pressure on the government to cut interest rates again immediately.

The quarterly poll of managing directors' expectations, conducted by Dun & Bradstreet, the leading business information group, indicates the post-Gulf improvement reported in its last survey has vanished and businessmen now expect the economy to lurch downwards instead of starting to recover.

Separately, the Institute of Directors has called on Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to cut interest rates after its latest opinion survey demonstrated the rising optimism recorded in the spring has disappeared. Two months ago, 53 per cent of directors surveyed by the IoD were more optimistic about the economy than they had been for some months, but the latest survey of 300 directors, taken in the first two weeks of June, shows that this figure has fallen to 28 per cent.

This constrasts sharply with the government view that the recession has bottomed out and the economy is set to recover strongly in the second half. The Treasury's early recovery scenario is widely regarded as over-optimistic on both timing and the strength of the bounce-back.

Professor Patrick Minford of the Liverpool Research Group in Macro-Economics predicts that Britain will remain mired in recession next year, with effective recovery only in 1993. He expects the economy to contract 2.6 per cent this year, compared with the 2 per cent shrinkage the government expects, and decline a further 0.1 per cent in 1992. A gloomier tone is evident among city analysts. Bill Martin, chief economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, foresees the government's prime policy objective of low inflation being achieved by the mid-Nineties, but with an inexorable rise in unemployment towards 4 million, or 14 per cent of the workforce, unless the pound is devalued.

Official figures on inflation at the factory and consumer levels, due out on Tuesday and Friday respectively, should show enough progress in braking inflation to allow Mr Lamont to sanction a fresh base rate cut, probably by half a point.

The pound, whose recent weakness inhibited the authorities over easing, last week looked more robust, climbing back above its DM 2.95 central rate in the European exchange-rate mechanism.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, last week encouraged the money market expectations of an early base rate cut with a remark about "signs of success" in bringing down inflation. On Friday, the Bank signalled through its market operations that it wanted base rate to stay at 11.5 per cent until this Friday.

The D&B survey shows company directors more pessimistic than in April about their prospects for sales, profits, orders, prices, stocks, exports and jobs.

Companies expecting lower profits in the next three months accounted for 47 per cent of the total respondents, against 17 per cent expecting increases. The balance of minus 30 was the lowest since the survey started in 1987 and 18 points worse than in April. The East and West Midlands are the most pessimistic regions, showing a balance of minus 39 after minus 32 in the last survey. Philip Mellor, marketing manager for D&B, said: "Our survey shows we are now in the second downward phase of a double-dip recession which we first recorded in early 1990." He said the pessimists would outweigh the optimists for the rest of 1991.

Lower sales and less chance of passing on higher prices were the main factors behind shrinking profits. Unemployment was likely to increase, with 45 per cent of directors expecting to shed staff, against 15 per cent expecting to hire more.

The latest quarterly economic survey by the West Midlands regional group of Chambers of Commerce, which represents 13,000 companies, is not quite as negative as D&B's report but still reflects a lack of business confidence. It says the nose-dive in the economy that was evident up to three months ago has started to level out but better times are still some way off.

Switch plans a global presence

By Our Banking Correspondent

SWITCH, the debit card system run by most of the big banks, plans to go international next year by linking with the worldwide Mastercard network.

Of all the schemes reviewed by the inter-member committee of banks that runs Switch, which includes National Westminster, Midland and the Royal Bank of Scotland, the most favoured was Mastercard's plan to introduce an international debit card called Maestro.

No formal decision has been made but Switch could be linked with Mastercard by 1992. The banks are, however, still concerned about the security problems of an international card and may restrict it to their more reliable customers.

Andrew Waldman, an associate director of the Royal Bank of Scotland and chairman of Switch, said the committee favoured the Maestro system over Eurocard's plans for a debit card and Visa's Delta debit card.

The Switch cards will probably retain their green symbol but also carry the Mastercard/Maestro logo to make them acceptable abroad.

Switch was launched in 1988 and is one of the fastest growing banking products in history. The banks have issued more than 10 million cards, which are accepted by most leading retailers.

But Switch's success has been hampered by its presence in Britain only. The Visa debit card, its main rival which is issued by Lloyds and Barclays, can be used internationally.

Glaxo is top in value survey

By Angela Mackay

A SURVEY of 500 British companies by Stern Stewart & Co, the corporate finance consultancy, has placed Glaxo, the pharmaceuticals group, top based on value created for shareholders in 1989.

The ranking measures performance by "market value added" — the difference between the market value of a company and the amount of cash invested over time by shareholders. According to Stern Stewart, companies with high MVAs are those that earn high returns on capital, well above the minimum required by investors.

In second place was British Telecom, followed by BAT Industries, BTR, Wellcome, Shell Transport and Trading, Cable and Wireless, Reuters, and Unilever.

Hanson was tenth in the ranking compared with ICI at number 34. Hanson triggered market speculation that it might bid for ICI when the group bought a 2.8 per cent stake in May. The consultancy said Hanson had created nearly five times the shareholder value of ICI over a five-year period to the end of 1989.

The companies occupying the last five places on the table were Allied-Lyons, Beazer, Whitbread, British Steel and British Aerospace.

Nine per cent of British companies earn low returns on capital compared with 30 per cent of American companies. Stern Stewart suggested this reflects the greater ability of British investors to replace weak management. The consultancy cited Brent Walker in 494th place, Budgens at 264 and Granada at 476 as examples.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6165 (−0.0020)

German mark
2.9526 (+0.0158)

Exchange index
89.8 (+0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1911.8 (+33.9)

FT-SE 100
2484.7 (+69.9)

New York Dow Jones
2932.47 (+25.72)

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22898.34 (−392.62)

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Markets face $2bn losses in BCCI failure

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE world's foreign exchange and money markets are facing losses of up to $2 billion, after the collapse of Bank of Credit and Commerce International. The scale of the damage emerged after investigations by the Bank of England throughout the weekend.

Many of the world's largest banks were left with uncompleted bargains with BCCI when it was closed in an international operation on Friday, after the discovery of a massive fraud. They have become unsecured creditors in BCCI's liquidation, and may lose most or all of their money.

BCCI operated in 69 countries and was an active dealer in foreign exchange. A spokesman for the Bank of England said, however, that it thought the losses among British banks would not be serious. Many banks had become wary of doing business with BCCI last year when it pleaded guilty to laundering drug money in Florida and was fined $15 million. The bank reported a loss for 1989 of $498 million.

National Westminster is thought to have suffered some of the largest losses in the BCCI collapse among British banks since it acted as BCCI's clearer. The bank refused to comment on its client.

BCCI was closed on Friday in an international operation that froze a large part of the bank's $20 billion in assets. The action came after the Bank of England received a report from Price Waterhouse, the accountant, which revealed a massive fraud at a high level in he bank. The report has been passed to the Serious Fraud Office.

The Bank of England's special BCCI team, headed by Eddie George, the deputy governor, worked throughout the weekend. It advised thousands of the bank's customers on the closure and urged bank regulators round the world to shut BCCI's operations. The team has been enlarged to 22, with executives seconded from the Federal Reserve Board in America and the Luxembourg Monetary Institute.

By last night, the Bank claimed it had support from 18 countries, including Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, South Korea and Pakistan. Others are still deciding, although the Hong Kong authorities have told the Bank that the subsidiary of BCCI there is unaffected by the fraud. A representative of the Hong Kong banking commissioner will meet officials in Abu Dhabi today to discuss the bank's future.

In Britain, the closure has frozen savings worth £750 million held by 120,000 investors and small businesses. Investors will only be compensated by the Deposit Protection Board for up to £15,000 of their deposits.

Christopher Morris, one of the partners from Touche Ross, the firm handling the liquidation, warned depositors that the winding-up would be complex and take time.

Touche Ross is urging small businesses to ask other banks for bridging finance, backed by the security of a claim with the Deposit Protection Board.

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DTI investigates insurance offshoot

By Our banking correspondent

THE trade and industry department is investigating the financial position of CCL Insurance, a life assurance offshoot of the BCCI banking group, after the worldwide closure of the bank last Friday.

Inspectors from the DTI contacted the group on Friday and demanded details of its financial position after the collapse of the bank. "We are trying to determine their position and deciding whether any intervention is necessary," a DTI spokesman said.

CCL Insurance sells life assurance and pensions from a West London base. It is registered in Britain, and regulated by the DTI's insurance department. DTI inspectors may be forced to intervene in the company if a large part of its assets or its life funds have been frozen in BCCI SA, the Luxembourg-registered bank.

The DTI enquiry into CCL is likely to be the first of many knock-on effects from the BCCI collapse. BCCI had many subsidiaries and branches in 69 countries. The exact ownership of CCL is unclear but it is known to have group connections. In March American investigators discovered BCCI was the secret owner of First American Bankshares, Washington DC's largest bank.

Banks could have to pay out £200m

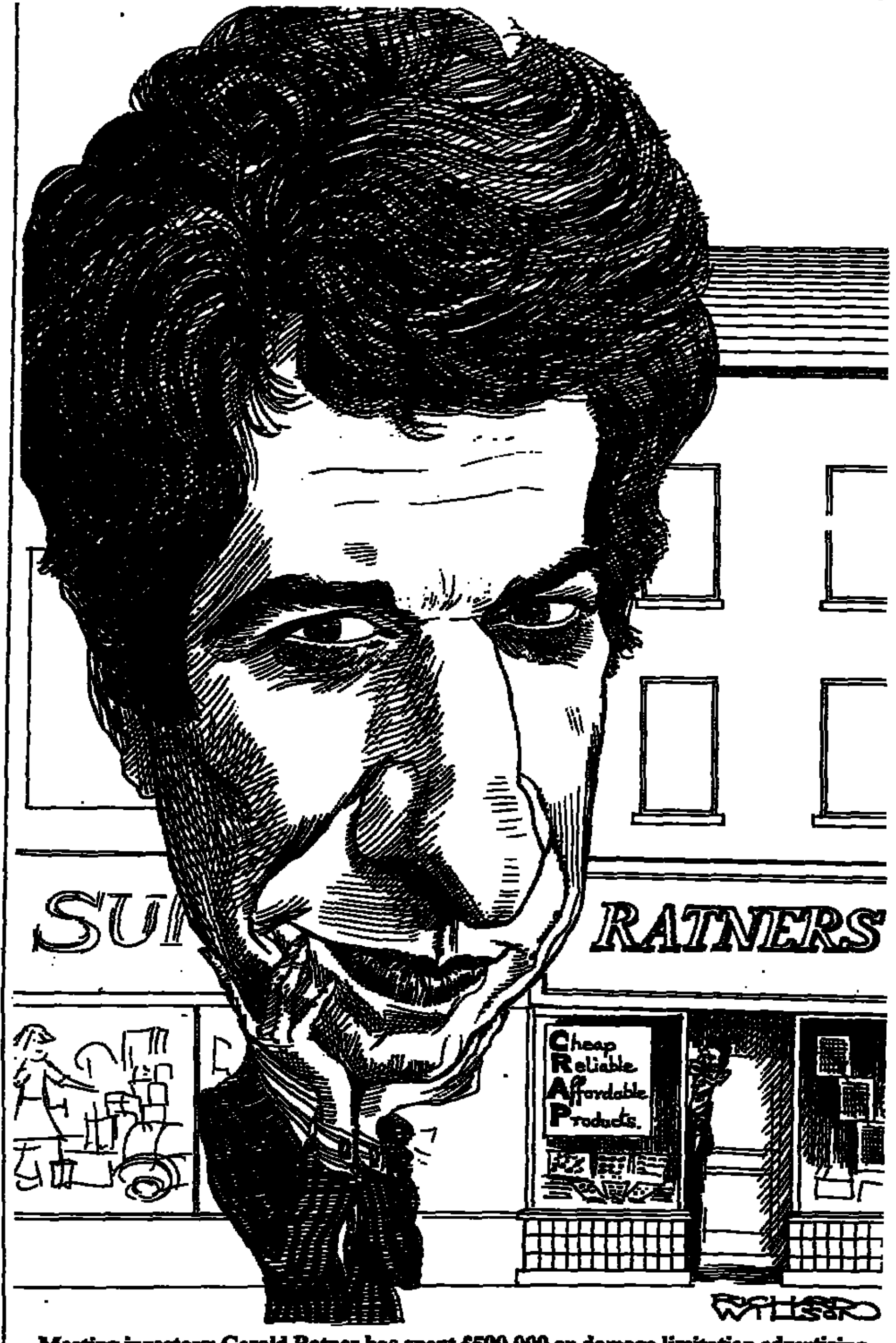
BRITISH banks may be forced to pay out up to £200 million to compensate depositors in BCCI, after the bank's closure last Friday.

The Deposit Protection Scheme, headed by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, is obliged by law to pay out up to £15,000 compensation to all the sterling depositors in BCCI's British branches.

The branches had deposits of £750 million, a third of which was in sterling, in 120,000 accounts. The scheme is, therefore, facing the largest payout in its history, although it is already in deficit after compensating depositors in British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank last year.

The scheme's annual report last March showed a £337,000 deficit, with further liabilities of £32 million.

Leigh-Pemberton: deficit



Meeting investors: Gerald Ratner has spent £500,000 on damage limitation advertising

Ratner facing a cool reception

By Gillian Bowditch

GERALD RATNER, the outspoken chairman of Ratners group, faces his shareholders today for the first time since making his comments about the quality of some of the goods in his shops.

If past annual meetings are anything to go by, his shareholders, like Mr Ratner, are unlikely to mince their words. His speech to the Institute of Directors in April in which he declared his products were "total crap" was the own goal of the season.

Since then he has spent £500,000 on damage limitation advertising and analysts think group sales in Britain are down 5 per cent. The downturn in sales at the group, which includes Ernest Jones and H Samuel, is due more to recession than to Mr Ratner's remarks. Business in America is believed to have benefited from the upturn in the economy there.

But Mr Ratner is likely to get off lightly compared with the Storehouse directors, who face their shareholders on Thursday. Simon Blunt, a shareholder, is to question the directors on the group's poor five-year record.

Mr Blunt says trading profits have fallen every year and are now 17 per cent of 1987's £123 million. More than £110 million has been written off and the shares have fallen by a third. The dividend is lower than in 1986. But he says director's emoluments are now 60 per cent higher than in 1986 and compensation of over £2.4 million paid to former directors since 1987.

Pay levels at Tace criticised

By Our City Staff

TACE, the environmental controls group subject to three takeover bids, faces criticism over the new board's pay. Michael Beckett, the non-executive chairman appointed by institutions last month, is paid £200 an hour, up to £1,250 a day, equal to almost £460,000 a year.

Similar terms have been agreed with the other three board members, also non-executives. All will receive fees of £1,000 a month.

The remuneration is disclosed in Tace's response to a £23.9 million bid from Cambridge Electronic Industries. Mr Beckett is recommending acceptance of a 255p a share cash offer by Thermo Electron Corporation, and managers of Tace's American subsidiaries have bid 254p a share.

Third World urged to aid markets

By Anatole Kaletsky
Economics editor

GOVERNMENTS in the developing countries must play a more active part in the management of their economies, but they must do this in a way that harnesses and supplements the power of markets instead of trying to oppose market forces.

Specifically, Third World governments should intervene more aggressively in areas of the economy where markets may be ineffective, for example in environmental protection. But they must abandon attempts to control production, regulate prices and "manage" development according to preconceived industrial plans.

These are the main themes of the annual *World Development Report*, published today by the World Bank. The WDR, considered by the bank to be its most important policy document, marks its strongest attempt yet to find a compromise between the interventionist doctrines of many Third World governments and traditional development theorists and the extreme *laissez faire* principles imposed on the bank in the Eighties by the Reagan administration and its appointees.

Another big theme of the report is the need to reduce military spending. Without peace there can be little hope of sustained growth and little benefit from development aid, the bank says.

The bank, trying to distil its 40 years of development experience, strongly disputes the claims that efforts at development have generally failed and that aid has been wasted.

The report makes the following broad recommendations for the governments of Third World and East Europe:

☐ Concentrate public investment on people, rather than industries.

☐ Improve the climate for enterprise. Governments should intervene less in industrial and agricultural pricing and abolish restrictions on competition and production that protect monopolies.

☐ Open economies to international trade and investment, by lowering tariffs and abolishing non-tariff restrictions.

☐ Get macroeconomic policy right. This means eliminating budget deficits and controlling inflation.

The bank argues that this broad economic framework has proved conducive to rapid growth, as well as social stability, in developing countries.

The bank forecasts that on the basis of present policies, gross national product in developing countries would grow on average by 3 per cent annually in the Nineties. This would compare with a 2.5 per cent growth rate in the industrialised world. The bank says that the developing countries' long-term growth rate could be increased by 1.5 to 2 per cent per annum on average if "vigorous and comprehensive reforms" in government policies were adopted.

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KP takes the lead from Pepsico in UK snacks market

By DEREK HARRIS

KP FOODS, the United Biscuits subsidiary that has just seized the lead in the near £1.4 billion UK snacks market, is stepping up its battle with Pepsico, its arch rival in Britain and on the Continent.

KP is topping a £33 million series of manufacturing acquisitions in Spain with a £5 million deal in Portugal, where Pepsico has a third of the snacks market, by taking a 49 per cent stake in Longa Vida, a dairy products maker.

The move is part of KP's drive into southern Europe, where Pepsico is strongest. KP's footholds in mainland Europe have been in the north, in Belgium, France and the Netherlands. Continental investment is now about £60 million.

The European line-up last year saw the two rivals at the top of the snacks league, KP with 22.2 per cent and Pepsico with 19.8 per cent.

It is Pepsico, with its Smiths and Walkers crisps and snacks subsidiaries, that KP has toppled from number one slot in the UK, according to the annual review of the snack food market, to be published soon. The review is published by KP, but is respected in the trade as being even-handed.

In 1989, Pepsico had 39.5 per cent of the snacks market by volume to KP's 38.5 per cent. Last year, KP moved marginally ahead in tonnage to 39.3 per cent against Pepsico's 39 per cent.

One factor putting KP ahead in the tonnage race is that its share of own-label manufacturing of crisps now exceeds 51 per cent.

Barry O'Connell, the KP Foods managing director, follows the philosophy of being number one. He said: "However good you are as number two you still have to eat the dust of number one."

KP, which controls 57.5 per cent of the nuts market, believes its lead in the UK snacks market overall will remain dependent on its continued reliance on strong brands. With the launch last year of Frisps, a potato-based snack, KP now has four of the top six savoury snack brands.

Frisps, on which promotional spending reached £2.5 million last year, made the number six slot with £14 million of sales in less than six months. This year Mr O'Connell expects sales at retail value to be about £28 million.

Pepsico has been fighting back with the introduction into the UK under the Smiths label of Cheetos, its American success with a corn-based snack for youngsters.

The snack war in Europe is fuelled by continued growth — 11.6 per cent up in value in the UK last year. Mr O'Connell said: "Even in a recession a parent finds it hard to deny a child a pack of snacks." UK volume growth last year of about 2 per cent is expected to recur this year.

The Continent is expected to see 27 per cent volume growth by 1995, according to the review. Mr O'Connell admits KP has "a long way to go" to catch up with Pepsico's near 40 per cent domination.

MICHAEL POWELL

Believing in number one: Barry O'Connell, managing director of KP Foods

Wakeham ready to step up energy efficiency drive

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government intends to encourage further energy efficiency through pricing and greater regulation, John Wakeham, the energy secretary, says.

The moves are likely to be made as part of an increased drive on energy efficiency through breaking down what the government sees as market barriers to using energy efficiently. Mr Wakeham thinks improvements in energy efficiency offer one of the most cost-effective ways of combating the global warming threat.

In a memorandum prepared for the National Economic Development Council, Mr Wakeham says the aim of energy policy in the last decade has been to create markets and make them work efficiently. He says that "in the energy efficiency sector, however, the significant scope which exists for cost-effective energy efficiency improvements demonstrates the existence of market barriers and hidden costs."

Mr Wakeham identifies three main market barriers: market distortions, such as VAT on energy efficiency measures; lack of impartial and authoritative information; and the low priority that tends to be given to usually discretionary energy-efficiency investment. Bound by EC law, the government is ruling out change in the VAT regime for energy-efficiency products. But Mr Wakeham says it may use pricing signals or more regulation to influence investment decisions, which might include strengthening of building regulation decisions and a voluntary energy-efficiency labelling plan for appliances, on which it is already engaged in talks before the introduction of a mandatory EC scheme.

On information, Mr Wakeham's paper says the government will launch a £1 million autumn domestic publicity campaign to promote energy efficiency. The government is also considering new grants towards the cost of consultancy advice on energy efficiency for small businesses.

Sercair to cash in on 'air boom'

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

AS airlines shed staff and contract out more of their activities, a new company hopes to cash in on what could become the last boom market in the aviation industry.

Serco, the leading "task management contractor", whose clients range from the RAF to Marks and Spencer, has formed a joint venture company, Sercair, with Peter Smith, former ILG managing director, and Peter Lowes, former Ogden Allied general manager.

Sercair, which will be based at Crawley, West Sussex, will provide airline ground services including aircraft cleaning, ground transportation, maintenance, baggage and passenger handling and management of stores and freight.

Scotland loses franchise show

By RODNEY HOBSON

SCOTLAND has lost its fast-growing franchise exhibition, a victim of the stand-on-your-own-feet economy.

Blenheim Queensway, the organiser, has decided that the annual event, held in Glasgow in March, will not go ahead next year after losing financial support from the reorganised Scottish Development Agency.

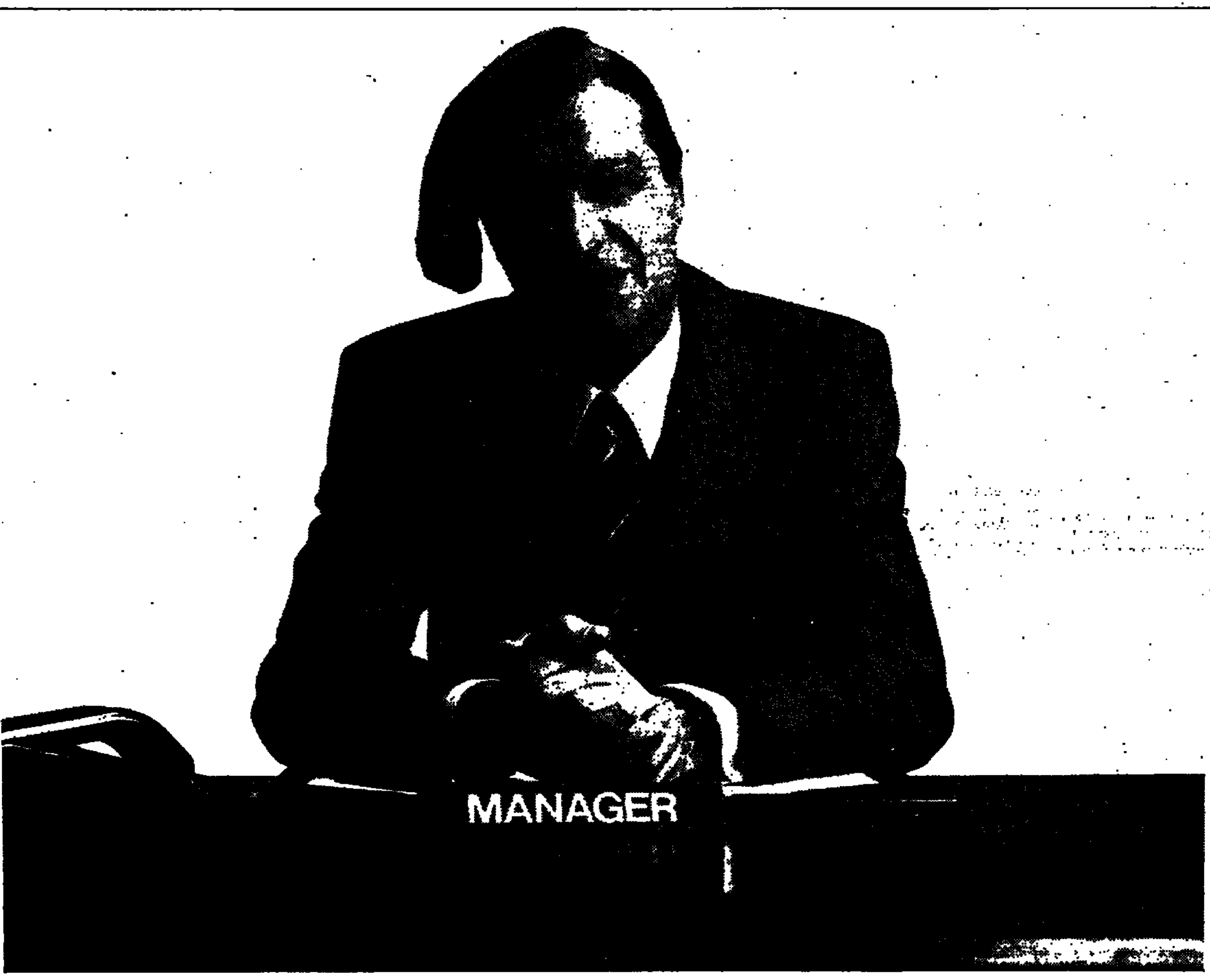
Fiona Parkin, of Blenheim, said: "We have run the exhibition for four years and we got good attendances. The problem is getting the exhibitors there from the Southeast of England where most franchisors are based."

Attendance at the three-day event has been growing, with the 5,000 who attended this year representing a 14 per cent rise on 1989. Considering that virtually no visitors were pulled in from south of the border, that figure compares quite well with the 11,000 attendances at similar exhibitions held by Blenheim in Birmingham, in the centre of England, and London.

The Scottish Development Agency was renamed Scottish Enterprise in April. Power was decentralised to local enterprise companies.

Andrew James, a management consultant and secretary of the Scottish Franchise Advisory Group, said: "We got the development agency interested in funding and sponsoring events five years ago and that raised the whole profile of franchising in Scotland."

He added: "There is not enough work in franchising for every LEC to have its own franchise expert. The exhibition was a focal point of franchising in Scotland and we are actively considering what to do to fill the gap."



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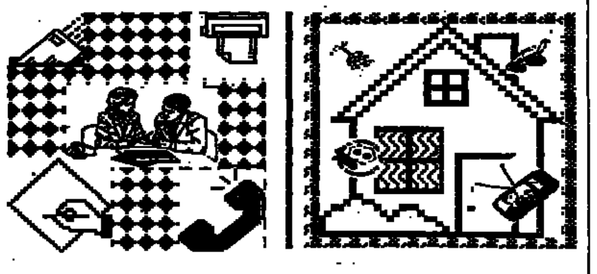

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Buying time for Gorbachev

ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

The Soviet economy is in free fall and President Gorbachev is probably the country's least popular ruler since Nicholas II. What should the West do about it? It is July summit-time, so Western leaders must ask themselves this seasonal question. Last summer, the Western press was screaming of food riots in Moscow. Gorbachev was juggling economic plans like hot potatoes. And the biggest single problem for the American sherpas preparing the Houston summit was how to keep off the agenda the German demand for a "last-ditch" attempt to save the Soviet Union and Gorbachev. A year later, the Soviet Union is still there and so is Gorbachev.

Of course, the economic situation has worsened. But how relevant for living standards are declines in production, when 30 to 50 per cent of industrial output has been for military use? As Grigory Yavlinski, the author of the Grand Bargain plan, noted last week, the government could shut down all its military factories and continue paying their employees full wages without anyone in the country being worse off as a result. The military and many other Soviet industries are "value subtracting", consuming material inputs more valuable than the ones they produce, even without allowing for labour costs. The sooner they are closed down and their workers redeployed into services the better.

As for the nationalist tensions destroying the Union, these too have a positive side. Six of the 15 republics appear to be determined to leave the Soviet Union, but they account for only 2 per cent of the land area and 7 per cent of the population between them. The conflicts between the other nine republics and the centre are motivated less by nationalism than by ideology and personality politics.

The forces of reform and economic reform are grouped around the republican governments, simply because these were elected later in the process of democratisation and therefore contain fewer hard communists. If Gorbachev were willing to democratise the centre, the present "war of laws" could probably be settled, the way would be opened for foreign investment, especially in the oil industry, and ethnic differences would not stand in the way of radical reform.

This is the thinking behind the Grand Bargain strategy devised at Harvard by Yavlinski, the Soviet economist. A modified version of this plan will be presented to the G7 by Gorbachev next week.

The strongest argument against Western support for the Grand Bargain will be simply this — to support Gorbachev is to strengthen the political *status quo*. The Grand Bargain attempts to overcome this objection by proposing that aid should be strictly conditional on further progress towards democracy and that money should only be paid out as and when the Soviet and republican authorities take concrete steps to privatise industries, liberalise prices, reform agriculture, make the roubleconvertible and so on. But the experience of all past aid programmes cannot be ignored. Aid does tend to strengthen the governments that receive it.

Why then should the West strengthen Gorbachev? People have asked about Gorbachev's ultimate objective. Was it to rebuild Soviet power, to keep the empire in eastern Europe, to save communism or to preserve the Soviet Union? As each of these goals is abandoned, there seems to be only one possible aim left — to cling to power. Ironically, this may be the best possible reason for offering him assistance.

Gorbachev is engaged in a political balancing act, but not quite for its own sake. His aim seems simply to be to preserve a semblance of peace and order on the present territory of the Soviet Union, during a process of revolutionary transformation that he now knows he cannot control. If this is his strategy, then time is on his side, despite the steady deterioration of economic conditions. For as time goes by, the direction in which Soviet society is inevitably moving becomes clearer, not only to him, but also to the people and the ruling class.

Gradually, debate and dissension is breaking out in the most monolithic institutions of the old system — the Communist party, the army and even the KGB. Even more important than this ideological process is the transformation occurring in what the Marxists call the "objective" economic world. With each month that passes, more of the old economic and industrial relationships are collapsing. Once the collapse passes some critical point, the old system will become impossible to reconstruct.

Many of the obstructionists in the industrial and bureaucratic systems are coming to this conclusion already. But nobody can know for sure when the Soviet Union has passed the point of no return and is ready to make the final break away from communism without bloodshed. Until then, Gorbachev will be needed.

My personal prediction is that Gorbachev is at least as likely to be at next July's summit as Helmut Kohl or John Major. His presence at the summit after that is in greater doubt. But by then his absence may be no more worrying than Margaret Thatcher's non-appearance this year.

Finding the right reasons for funding rights issues

AT THE start of 1991 City analysts expected a £6 billion wave of rights issues on the back of a rising equity market.

They were wrong. That total has been reached with barely half the year gone, and there seems no reason why the figure should not keep rising.

By Friday evening, ordinary rights issues had reached £6 billion, while other forms of cash-raising, including convertible issues and placings, brought the total to £7.1 billion.

The two latest substantial issues are a £96 million call in the property sector on Friday from Mountleigh, after pressure from its bankers, and a £161 million rights a week earlier from Burton Group, the stricken fashion retailer, that will not even cover this year's losses.

It seems likely that 1987's total of £8.5 billion from rights issues will be exceeded this year, barring a full-scale market collapse.

That total was notched up in the run-up to the 1987 crash, the last decent-sized call being the ill-fated Blue Arrow issue.

Large scale cash raising since, until this year at least, has often been a last-resort measure, for example from Standard Chartered in 1988 and Eurotunnel at the end of last year.

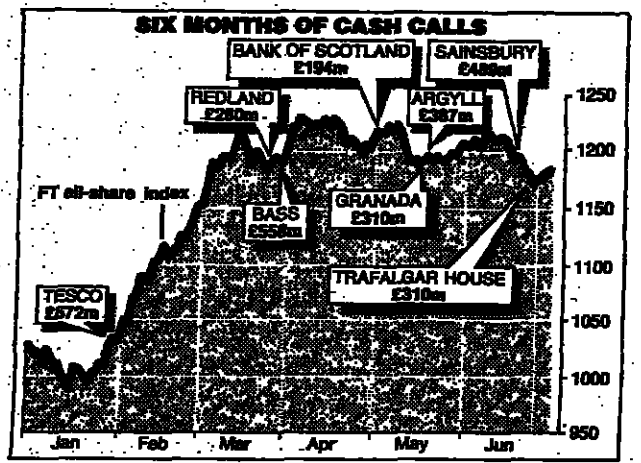
This year has seen its share of rescue rights issues, with investors faced with having to pay up or see the company go under. The year has also been marked by issues from businesses with healthy balance sheets but excellent reasons for wanting yet more cash.

In a rights issue, a company creates a parcel of new shares and offers them to existing investors at a price lower than the existing shares command in the market. They are offered pro rata to the shareholder's holding, for example, one new share for every four held.

The attraction to the investor is clear. He is getting new shares for, say, 450p each in a company that the stock market believes is worth 500p a share.

The existing price often, but not always, slips a touch to reflect the fact that new, cheaper equity will shortly reach the market, under the normal rules of supply and demand.

There is no reason why the existing shares should not rise, however. For example, if the rights is to fund a big acquisition that, in the market's view, offers good prospects.



The danger is if the existing share price falls below the price at which the new shares are offered, perhaps if the market believes the company is overvalued or if it disapproves of the reason for the cash call.

For this reason, most, but not all, rights issues are underwritten by friendly City institutions that guarantee to take the shares if existing shareholders stay away. In return for bearing the risk, they are paid an underwriting fee.

A huge rights can send the whole market into a temporary decline — as with Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, and its £519 million call in 1985 — or if it flops can queer the pitch for other companies wanting to raise cash. But the resilience of the stock market this year, despite investors having been asked to stump up more than £7 billion, shows the reverse can also be true, if market conditions favour such cash-raising. Two main factors influence companies considering rights issues. First is the level of interest rates; if cash is cheap, it is easier to push up borrowings than issue new shares. The second is the current level of share prices, and more important, how the market thinks they will progress.

Immediately after 1987, the belief in a nervous stock market was that share prices would not rise, so there was little appetite for fresh share issues. Interest rates were at a low ebb, so company borrowings rose sharply.

The stock market is now paying the price, as profit projections beyond the end of the recession suggest that shares are still cheap. Some estimates say £20 billion is needed over the next two years to shore up battered balance sheets.

Mark Brown, equity strategist at UBS Phillips & Drew, believes the flood of cash calls may be slackening off, although he still expects a total of £9 billion in straight rights issues by the end of this year. "What the companies are doing is adjusting their balance sheets down to a more acceptable level, which means it will only have so far to run. The question is, how far?"

Companies are paying for the takeover boom of 1989, which was funded by borrowings, rather than stemming any continuing large cash outflow.

He points out that a degree of the money being siphoned out of investors' pockets will eventually return, in the form of opportunistic cash bids launched when company's stock market valuations are perceived as cheap and before a possible Labour government, which can be expected to crack down hard on stock market predators.

Two sectors have been identified this year in the dash for cash; construction and retailing. In construction, various companies have taken the opportunity to raise money for fishing expeditions while the sector is flat on its back and asset values, whether housebuilding land or other businesses, are cheap.

Others, particularly those exposed to the property market, have staved off collapse by taking in fresh funds. The market has made its own judgment on the companies and rights issues in question.

Berkeley Group, a well-regarded housebuilder, raised £44 million in March at 255p for each new share. Of the shareholders, a massive 99 per cent took up the shares on offer, hardly surprising given that the price rose after the issue. The shares closed last week at 298p.

Meanwhile, another housebuilder, Bellway, in May saw almost half the shares it was issuing left with the underwriters. The shares are now just 9p above the offer level, at 229p.

The market's willingness to fund appropriate expansion is clearest in the food retailing sector. Of the eight biggest cash calls this year, three have come from the triumvirate that dominates that market, J Sainsbury, Tesco and Argyll Group.

Food is a mature business in which the only growth comes from poaching market share. This needs a heavy and expensive store-building programme, backed by large amounts of shareholders' cash. In a virtual three-horse race, City institutions have shown themselves willing to back all three horses.

MARTIN WALLER

> Some estimates say £20 billion is needed over the next two years to shore up battered balance sheets

Low inflation key to market hopes

GILT-EDGED

HOW much can the gilt market absorb? This is uppermost in the professional's mind and is the prime factor preventing the market from extending the recent pick-up into a sustained bull run.

The amounts the market will be asked to absorb seem huge. We forecast this year's public sector borrowing requirement at £12 billion, even after a total of £8 billion raised from privatisation, which will imply gross gilt funding of about £12 billion over the rest of this financial year. Next year the problem is worse, with the PSBR set to reach £18 billion and gross gilt funding of perhaps £25 billion.

This means that even if a Labour government decided against a rise in the underlying PSBR level, if it dropped the privatisation programme it would need to issue about £33 billion of stock in its first year. And surely it would want to run some spending rises not funded by taxation, so gross issues of £35 billion to £40 billion might be nearer the mark. However much the market has grown sanguine about the prospects of John Smith as Chancellor, these numbers give pause for thought.

In fact, they are not as large as they sound; £33 billion represents just over 5 per cent of GDP. In the mid-Seventies, when the absolute numbers were much smaller, the PSBR was almost 10 per cent of GDP. Funding of £25 billion or even £33 billion should be readily absorbable — provided the fundamentals are right.

The fundamentals seem to be improving. Once the shock is over, the question is not, how much stock will there be?, but rather, how low will inflation go and will it stay there? The underlying rate is what counts. There have been positive developments; pay settlements have started to come down encouragingly. The construction workers' settlement, for instance, was 5.4 per cent, against 9.7 per cent last year.

Such settlements have not had their full effect on costs and hence on prices because, with output falling, unit labour costs have been rising faster. When output stops falling, and still more when it starts to rise again, unit labour cost growth will fall, even with the same level of settlements.

So the gilt market is caught between improving fundamentals and nasty (and probably deteriorating) funding prospects. Yet if the Bank of England presses on with its funding programme, at some point it will be ahead of the game and the market's attention may then veer towards inflation prospects, bringing a sustained bull run.

Until recently it seemed further progress in gilts would depend on advances in international bond markets, mainly in France and Germany. For if one calculates the real yield by subtracting the latest inflation figure from the bond yield, real rates in Britain look unexciting. Ten-year real yields are then 4.5 per cent, against 4.9 per cent in Germany and 5.8 per cent in France; America and Japan are 3.3 per cent.

But by subtracting forecast inflation rates, on the expectation of low British inflation, real yield considerations favour gilts. Taking our forecast inflation rates at end-1991, at current nominal yields, the ten-year real yield for gilts is 6.5 per cent. Only France comes near at 6.2 per cent and America, Germany and Japan are much lower at 4.5, 4.3 and 3.7 per cent respectively. This would put the gilt/bond real yield differential at its highest for nearly a decade.

Thus there is room for gilts to push ahead without a lead from overseas markets. All it takes is for the market to buy the low British inflation story and swallow hard during the period of intensive funding. Once the market opts to take this leap, even the prospect of Neil Kinnock will not stop it.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Moving image of Britton

OF ALL the high-flying solicitors in the Square Mile, Andrew Britton is hard to beat. Britton, who races Vauxhall Astras, drives a blue Ferrari 308 GT4 and has a penchant for lavish parties, has moved another rung up the corporate ladder by joining Denton Hall, the solicitor, to build up the corporate finance team. "I have moved house and changed jobs at the same time," says Britton, who hired the Museum of the Moving Image for a 40th birthday bash in January. He joins from Davies Arnold Cooper, a firm known for its insurance litigation, where he advised, among other things, on the buyout of Coloroll's ceramics division.

Families love all

CARLO Colombotti, tennis-loving partner at Amhurst Brown Colombotti, the international law firm, is not surprised Wimbledon's Sunday tennis proved so popular. He had already booked the Queen's Club, West London, for the finale of the first annual ABC tennis tournament. Rocco Forte is due to join 130 guests at the club next Sunday, as the City's Italian banking and business community face each other on the courts. "Playing on Sunday enables all the family to enjoy the tennis, not just the business contacts," says Colombotti happily.

'Talk about moody — hasn't had a 75 per cent rise all day'

Dressed to . . .

MEN who keep their jackets on all day are insecure and afraid of women. So says a survey by Charles Tyrwhitt, the shirt maker, which found that white shirt wearers are dominated by their mothers, while those who go for multi-coloured stripes are sexual athletes who enjoy fast cars. Pink shirt wearers hate their jobs and long to flee to a Caribbean island, while those with the sleeves rolled up are lager louts who live for Saturday night.

Greening Peru

DAVID Bellamy, the Durham botanist who is £100,000 better off after selling his environmental consultancy last month to P-E International, the consultancy group, has just returned from a trip to Peru, better known for bandits, inflation and a dual system of currency than matters green. Joined, among others, by Lawrence Bloom, the British head of asset management at the Intercontinental hotel group, and Peter Camejo, president of Progressive Asset Management, one of America's largest "green" fund managers, he plans to save Peru and use it as a model for other countries to follow.

Camp sighted

JOHN Laing and Granada, the construction and leisure groups, have been cleared to build the first of five £100 million holiday camps in Britain — two years behind schedule. The firstcamp, branded "Butlins for yuppies" by environmentalists, will cover 675 acres on the North Humberside estate of Lord Manton. East Yorkshire borough council gave its blessing last week, although plans for a second camp in Gloucestershire, under the Lakewoods joint venture between the two companies, have attracted the eagle eye of Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary.

JON ASHWORTH

Bitter Botnar will refuse arbitration in Nissan dispute

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

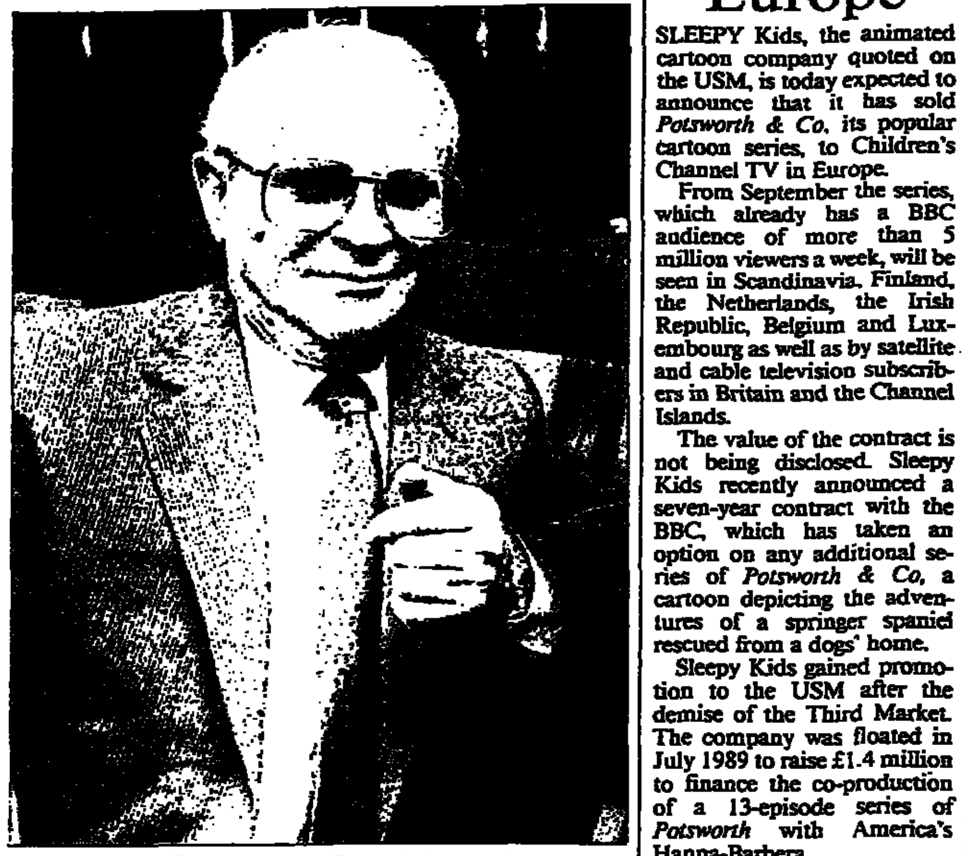
OCTAV BOTNAR, the head of Nissan UK, will refuse to take the bitter dispute between his independent car distribution business and Nissan Motor to arbitration in Japan.

So deep is the rift between Mr Botnar and heads of Nissan Motor that he will not have any contact with them beyond ordering cars for his company's 220 dealerships.

Mr Botnar is appealing this month against the refusal to grant an injunction in British courts to prevent Nissan from terminating his exclusive rights to distribute Nissan cars in the UK and setting up its own chain of dealerships.

Nissan has filed papers with the Japan commercial arbitration association seeking endorsement of its decision to cut ties with the man who, in 21 years, built Nissan sales in the UK from 1,200 to more than 106,000 cars a year.

Mr Botnar, trying to rebuild confidence in his business after a raid by Inland Revenue investigators, has been deeply wounded by some of the allegations made in Nissan's petition, particularly about his character, and says he will not go to Japan to take part in the arbitration process.



Boiling over: Octav Botnar will cut all ties with Nissan

In an interview with *The Times*, he said: "It is intentionally done to diminish me. In a court in Japan, you can understand what that means."

The Nissan document says of Mr Botnar: "With the exception of his age (reported as 80 years old), few details of his life are clear. Even in the press in the United Kingdom, he is treated as an enigmatic figure. His place of birth, identity and career remain unclear even to the press."

Mr Botnar expressed surprise that his age should be of concern to the Japanese, especially after more than two decades working together.

He is 78 and has a German passport, something which was evident to Nissan, he says, from his numerous visits to Japan when immigration restrictions were tight. He came to Britain in the Sixties to restructure distribution of NSU cars and stayed to take on the sale of Datsun cars, as Nissan models were then known.

Nissan's document also claims that Nissan UK's financial "corporate arrangement has been concealed for tax evasion purposes".

Mr Botnar firmly denies tax evasion but is now so angry he has decided that whatever the outcome of his appeal, all ties with Nissan have to be cut.

His anger has boiled over after a row which has simmered for ten years with arguments over sales, quotas, a bid by Nissan for Nissan UK and finally pricing policies.

He has ordered the removal of every gift or sign relating to Nissan UK's involvement with Nissan, from a plaque commemorating the opening of his Worthing headquarters building in West Sussex to a Japanese cherry tree that stood in the firm's gardens.

In his office, the size of a tennis court and at the top of Nissan UK's headquarters, Mr Botnar produced document after document as testimony by Japanese executives to his work in building up the Nissan marque.

The two companies came to loggerheads over the pricing of two new models, the Primera, built at Washington, Tyne and Wear, and the Japanese-made Sunny. Pre-tax prices for the Sunny, Nissan UK claimed, were up to a third more expensive in Britain than abroad.

But Nissan says that Nissan UK's gross sales margins are more than 50 per cent and that the abnormally high price for Nissan cars in Britain is due to the distributor's profits.

SMALLER COMPANIES

Cartoon series set to take on Europe

SLEEPY Kids, the animated cartoon company quoted on the USM, is today expected to announce that it has sold *Potsworth & Co*, its popular cartoon series, to Children's Channel TV in Europe.

From September the series, which already has a BBC audience of more than 5 million viewers a week, will be seen in Scandinavia, Finland, the Netherlands, the Irish Republic, Belgium and Luxembourg as well as by satellite and cable television subscribers in Britain and the Channel Islands.

The value of the contract is not being disclosed. Sleepy Kids recently announced a seven-year contract with the BBC, which has taken an option on any additional series of *Potsworth & Co*, a cartoon depicting the adventures of a springer spaniel rescued from a dogs' home.

Sleepy Kids gained promotion to the USM after the demise of the Third Market. The company was floated in July 1989 to raise £1.4 million to finance the co-production of a 13-episode series of *Potsworth* with America's Hanna-Barbera.

The company, headed by Martin Powell and his wife Vivien, attracted substantial interest on flotation, not least because of its novelty value, but disappointed followers with poor financial results late last year, earning just £10,500 before tax in the 15 months to the end of October.

But Sleepy Kids has made substantial progress this year. *Potsworth* goes out to a remarkable 85 per cent of households in America. Its popularity has encouraged the company to step up efforts to develop merchandise to go with the series. Hanna-Barbera Home Video has launched two video cassettes featuring the series.

Another cartoon, *Transylvania Pet Shop*, is being developed. Sleepy Kids shares trade at 14p, compared with the issue price of 20p.

MARTIN BARROW

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Private firms find few buyers

By Our City Staff

DEMAND for unquoted companies remains at its lowest for 15 years, according to Ernst & Young Corporate Finance.

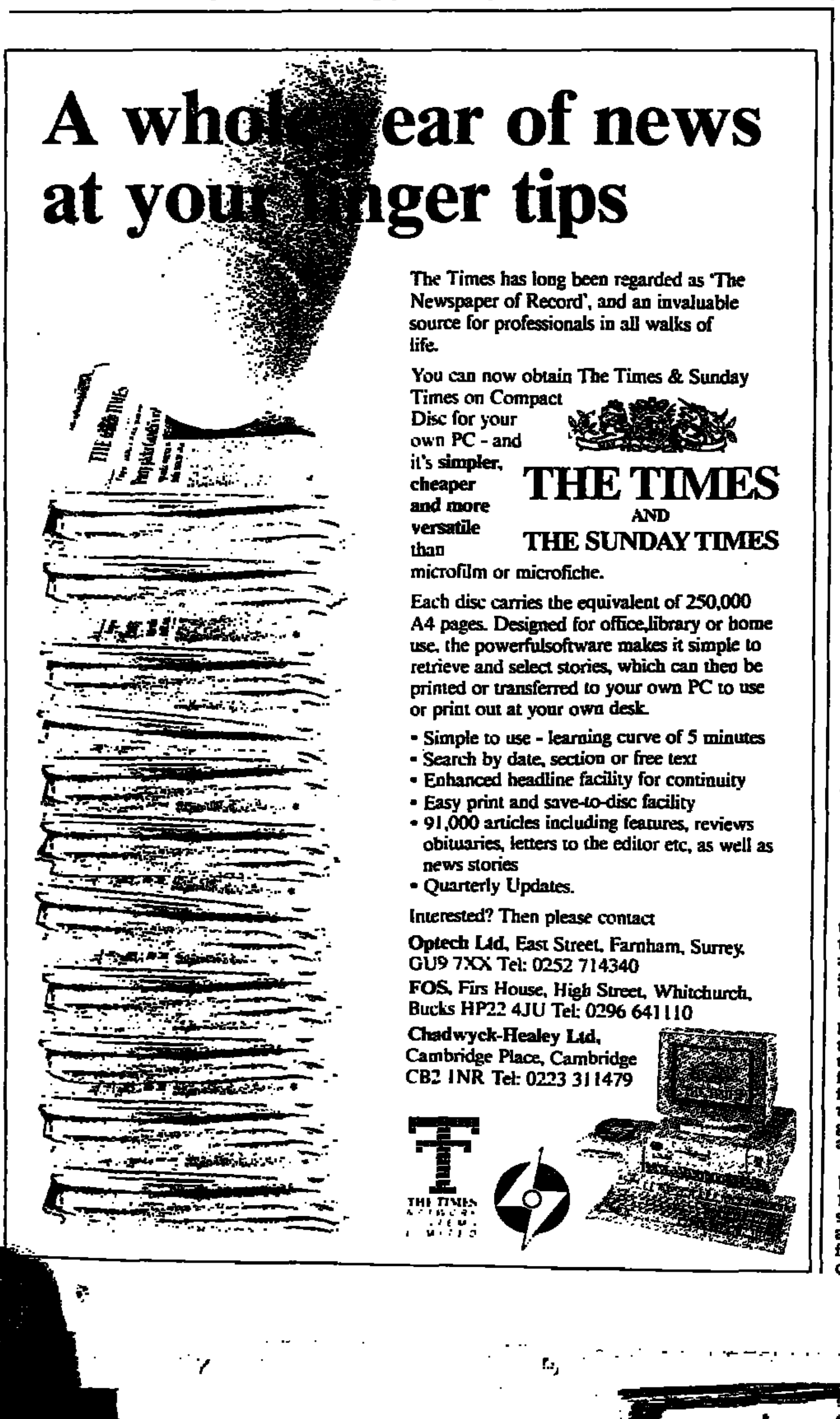
Richard Mead, national head of EYCF, said: "The market has been bumping along the bottom since the end of last year and as yet there is no evidence of an upturn."

By contrast, share prices are close to an all-time high. Mr Mead believes the gap between the values of quoted and unquoted companies is "unsustainable".

While the stock market values industrial companies at about 14 times earnings, buyers of private companies are unlikely to contemplate a p/e ratio in double figures.

EYCF concludes that while the stock market may be discounting a recovery from recession too quickly, it is more likely that the value of unquoted companies will close the gap on the quoted sector. Mr Mead bases his optimism on a number of factors, including the large number of rights issues by quoted companies seeking to build up liquidity for investment and a recovery in business confidence. He also highlights foreign interest in the United Kingdom, now that owners' expectations are more realistic.

Prices are likely to remain subdued, however, for at least the next six months.



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Summary offence cannot be sent for trial

Regina v Foote

Before Lord Justice Taylor, Mr Justice Ian Kennedy and Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment July 1]

A summary offence added to an indictable offence sent by justices to the crown court was not to be tried by the crown court if the defendant was acquitted of the indictable offence.

The Court of Appeal so held when considering the effect of section 41 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and allowing an appeal by Ian Malcolm Foote against his conviction on August 23, 1990 at Bournemouth Crown Court (Mr Assistant Recorder Tennant) on a plea of guilty to the summary offence of careless driving, on which he had been committed by magistrates for trial at the crown court under section 41. He was fined £200, disqualified for three months, and ordered to pay £150 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Section 41 of the 1988 Act provides: "(1) Where a magistrates' court commits a person to the crown court for trial on indictment for an offence triable either way or a number of such offences, it may also commit him for trial for any summary offence with which he is charged and which — (a) is punishable with imprisonment or involves obligatory or discretionary disqualification from driving; and (b) arises out of circumstances which appear to the court to be the same as or connected with those giving rise to the offence, or one of the offences, triable either way, whether or not evidence relating to that summary offence appears on the depositions or written statements in the case; and the trial of the information charging the summary offence shall then be treated as if the magistrates' court had adjourned it under section 10 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 and had not fixed the time and place for its resumption . . .

"(5) If he is convicted on the indictment, the crown court shall consider whether the conditions specified in subsection (1) above were satisfied."

Mr N. E. Rowland, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr G. H. Dowell for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR, giving the judgment of the court, said that at about 8.50pm on July 28, 1989 a British Rail signalman at a level crossing began to close the barriers to allow a train through. One car stopped as the barriers closed but the appellant, driving at some speed, overtook the stationary car and drove over the crossing against the red lights and under the lowering barriers.

At the magistrates' court he was committed for trial on a charge of reckless driving. On the same occasion he was also committed for trial under section 41 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 on a charge of careless driving, which was in effect an alternative because both offences related to the same driving.

At the crown court he pleaded not guilty to reckless driving. The offence of careless driving was put to him separately and he pleaded guilty. The Crown indicated to the court: "That plea to the section 41 matter is acceptable to the Crown and therefore the defendant is entitled to a not guilty verdict on the reckless driving." Such a verdict was directed to be entered.

The point on the appeal related to the effect of section 41, the provisions of which made it clear that a summary offence committed for trial by justices under it was not to be tried as if it were an indictable offence.

Under the section the crown court had first to deal with the indictable offence or offences, and only if it convicted of one of the indictable offences did it then have to consider whether section 41(1) applied to the summary offence tacked on. If it did, the plea would be taken: section 41(6).

Only if the accused pleaded guilty to the summary offence, could the crown court deal with it, and then only in the manner in which the magistrates' court would have dealt with it: section 41(7).

If he pleaded not guilty, the crown court's powers ceased and the case went back to the magistrates' court unless the crown court dismissed it: section 41(8) and (9).

Clearly, therefore, section 41 was not intended to enable the Crown to add specifically a lesser summary charge to be tried in the crown court should the accused be acquitted of the greater indictable offence.

In the present case the crown court had no power to deal with the offence of careless driving which had been tacked on to the indictment under section 41, and the conviction and sentence were therefore quashed.

It was open to their Lordships to send the matter back to the magistrates' court. However, bearing in mind that the appellant had been subject to some two-and-a-half months' disqualification already, the interests of justice did not require that the case should be remitted.

Solicitors: CPS, Dorset.

Previous paternity cases can be reopened

H v O

Before Mr Justice Ward

[Judgment June 27]

Paternity cases involving previously inconclusive blood tests could be reopened to take advantage of new DNA genetic fingerprinting methods as section 11B of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971, as inserted by section 12 of the Family Law Reform Act 1987, operated retrospectively.

Mr Justice Ward so held in the Family Division on dismissing an application by the alleged father of a child born in 1983 to strike out the mother's claim for maintenance on the ground, *inter alia*, that the section did not have retrospective effect.

Mr James Turner for the putative father; Mr Nicholas Riddell for the mother.

MR JUSTICE WARD said that the mother had complained to justices that under the Affiliation Proceedings Act 1957 the applicant was the father of the boy born in December 1983.

In those proceedings the blood tests were inconclusive as they appeared to establish that the applicant was not excluded from a wide category of possible fathers and on January 7, 1986 the case was dismissed on the ground that there was no case to answer.

The Family Law Reform Act 1987 came into force on April 1, 1989. Section 11B, thereby inserted into the 1971 Act, enabled the court to make financial provision orders for a child of one parent against the other parent. The 1957 Act thereupon ceased to have effect.

On July 5, 1990 the mother issued her originating application under section 11B seeking financial provision for the child.

In their ordinary and natural meaning the words of the section were wide enough to cover orders made against a parent whether the child had been born before or after the date the 1987 Act came into force.

In *Powys v Powys* ([1971] P 340) Mr Justice Brandon had held that sections 2 and 4 of the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act 1970 was retrospective. The Court of Appeal had approved *Powys* in *Chaterjee v Chaterjee* ([1976] Fam 199). His Lordship would adopt the same approach.

In his Lordship's judgment the natural and ordinary meaning of the section led to the conclusion that that there was no rule or presumption against retrospectivity so as to prevent a claim made on similar facts.

The 1987 Act was a reforming statute and reformed the law relating to the consequences of birth outside marriage. It had to have retrospective effect.

The applicant had also sought to strike out the claim on the ground that the mother was estopped from pursuing the claim *per rem judicata*.

It was well settled that the doctrine of *res judicata* did not apply in affiliation proceedings. The application to strike out was dismissed.

Solicitors: Bishop Longbotham & Bagnall, Trowbridge; Bindman & Partners.

Father is denied access to child

In re A (Minors: access)

Notwithstanding the principle of law and nature that a child had a right to benefit from contact with both his parents, in an exceptional case, a father who had ceased having any contact with his two children early in their lives could be denied any access or reintroduction to them so as to preserve the peace and security of their home life with their mother, stepfather and half sister.

Mr Justice Waite, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Mustill, so stated on June 24 when dismissing a father's appeal from the refusal of Judge Francis in Cardiff County Court in February 1991 to grant him an order for defined access to his children aged five and four.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the judge's view was that it would be potentially destructive and muddling to the children to attempt to reconstruct the relationship with a father who had disappeared from their lives when they were 21 months and four months old respectively.

The principle of law and nature, he said, should yield to the paramount demands of the best interests of the children in having the peace and security of their home preserved without the upset of an introduction to them of a second father-figure.

The judge was entitled to the view that the children had a compelling need for security; a need that overrode any claims on their welfare to renew links with their natural father.

Discretions should not be made rigid

Erskine Communications Ltd and Another v Worthington and Others

The Rules of the Supreme Court were an indispensable framework for the orderly administration of justice, but no more. The general discretions they conferred should not be crammed into a set of rigid formulae.

Where, therefore, cross-applications were made for an extension of time for delivery of a statement of claim and for the dismissal of the action, there was no rule that the former should be considered first.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Mustill, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Woolf) so held on May 22 in dismissing an appeal by defendants against the exercise of discretion by Mr Justice Vinelott on February 21, 1990 dismissing their application to strike out an action and allowing the plaintiffs leave to amend and deliver a statement of claim.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL said that in some cases it would be sensible to start with the application for extension, in others with the dismissal and in the remainder to look at the merits of both together.

Similarly, while a plaintiff who was late in tendering a statement of claim ought to have an acceptable explanation if his application for an extension was to be granted, it would be absurd to say that every instance of overstepping the time limit without excuse, however short and however lacking in harmful consequence to the defendant, should be punished by the loss of the action.

Review board duty

Regina v Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, Ex parte Cunningham

A housing benefit review board had a duty under the Housing Benefit General Regulations (SI 1987 No 1971) on its review of an application for benefit, to make a statement of its findings of fact and the reasons for its decision.

Mr Justice Hutchison so held in the Queen's Bench Division on May 22 when allowing Ms June Cunningham her application for judicial review of the decision of the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council housing benefit review board reducing the eligible rental of the premises for which she claimed benefit.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the *Housing Benefit Guidance* manual while not authoritative was forceful. The board had to consider the particular circumstances and the needs of the particular applicant, including, where relevant, such things as school facilities.

The board's reasons should be sufficiently clear to demonstrate to the applicant that matters involved had been fully considered and the facts on which the decision had been based.

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Higher interest charges take their toll of Asda

THE combined effects of a reduced market share, substantially higher interest charges and a poor performance from the non-food side are taking their toll of Asda Group, the debt-laden supermarkets group.

Asda will suffer a fall in full-year profits, but attention is likely to focus on current trading prospects, which still appear bleak, as well as news of the heir to John Hardman, who resigned as chairman and chief executive after board-room pressure.

Many in the market believe it is unlikely that Asda will announce its new management plan at the same time as the results.

A number of names of potential candidates to fill the vacuum at the top have been mentioned, including talk of a return to Britain for Jim Wood, who runs A&P in America, Graeme Seabrook of Kwik Save, or Peter Davis, chairman of Reed International, who has previously been with General Foods and J Sainsbury.

Tony MacNeary, an analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, expects final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to fall to £168 million, compared with £180.3 million. Mr MacNeary estimates earnings per share will slip to 9.6p (10.1p), although the net dividend will be maintained at 4.8p. At the time of the management resignations, Sir Godfrey Messervy, the new chairman, said pre-tax profits would not be less than £170 million, before a provision for extra interest. He said the net dividend would be maintained at 4.8p, with the payment of a final 2.95p.

With debts approaching £1 billion, the interest charge is expected to surge to about £86 million (£29.9 million), again fuelling speculation that the group may unveil a rights issue or announce the disposal of some stores — possibly in Scotland, where J Sainsbury is not yet represented.

TODAY

Mosaic Investments, the fast growing industrial holding company headed by Brian Disbury, is expected to unveil a healthy rise in final pre-tax profits to £7.5 million (£4.8 million), according to Bob Bucknell at Smith New Court, giving earnings of 32p (28.7p) and a total net dividend of 8.5p (7.2p).

Market forecasts range from £7.5 million to £9 million. The advance in profits will be driven by acquisitions and organic growth, and will be helped by a relatively good performance from Copyright, Mosaic's character licensing subsidiary that has the British rights to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Dennis the Menace, Desperate Dan and Dan Dare.

Interims: None announced.
Finals: Carclo Engineering Group, Creighton's Naturally, Daejan, Mosaic Investments, Reliance Security Group.
Economic statistics: Credit business (May), final May retail sales.

TOMORROW

Interims: Invicta Sound, Low & Bonar.
Finals: Bogod Group, Bucknall Group, Colefax and Fowler Group, Howden Group, Real Time Control.
Economic statistics: Provisional producer price index numbers for June.

WEDNESDAY

In spite of the recession, the Gulf war and depressed consumer spending, **Dixons Group**, the electrical goods retailer headed by Stanley Kalms, should turn in a respectable second-half performance, with a strong finish to the year expected to result in marginal sales growth during the second half.

Attention in the market, however, will focus on the group's current trading and future prospects.

Andy Hughes, of Nomura Research Institute, has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £70 million (£72.6 million).

Tough times: Sir Patrick Meaney of Rank Organisation, where profits are likely to fall

Market forecasts range from £65 million to £80 million. After a 5 per cent decline in first-half sales in the United Kingdom, second half sales are expected to be boosted by a good performance in March, which saw a surge ahead of the increase in value-added tax.

American profits are expected to dive to about £1.5 million (£11.5 million), due to slight pressure on gross margins and a decline in like-for-like sales. Group profits will be helped by a contribution from property, albeit reduced, as well as financial services.

Nomura's pre-tax profits estimate is adjusted by about £10 million for an over-provision for claims in the past year on extended warranties. Dixons' management appears to have a better grip on the business than for many years, but demand in the United Kingdom is still weak, especially for goods such as televisions and videos.

The regional electricity companies continue their reporting season and attention will no doubt again focus on the size of profit increases and rises in the chairmen's salaries. Ian Graham, of County NatWest, expects **South Wales Electricity** to turn in final pre-tax profits 24 per cent ahead of the prospectus forecast at £55 million (£44.3 million). A final net dividend of 11.67p (11.13p) is expected.

Manweb is expected to report final pre-tax profits 23 per cent above the forecast at £59 million (£48 million).

A final dividend of 11.2p, in line with the prospectus forecast, is expected.

Interims: EWD Securities, Cityvision, Cardiff Property, Domino Printing Sciences, Leslie Wise Group, M&G Dual Trust, Torex Hire.
Finals: Alan Paul, Cabra Estates, Dixons Group, Harris (Philip) Holdings, Manweb, South Wales Electricity, Stewart & Wight, Tops Estates, Total Systems, Wyko Group.

THURSDAY

First-half pre-tax profits at **Rank Organisation**, the hotels and leisure group headed by Sir Patrick Meaney, chairman, and Michael Gifford, chief executive, are expected to show a sharp decline, reflecting substantial interest costs.

Kleinwort Benson has pencilled in interim pre-tax profits of £95 million (£137.6 million), giving earnings of 14.7p (34.2p). The dividend should be maintained at 10.25p. Market forecasts range from £85 million to £105 million.

The results will show the impact of the acquisition of Mecca last summer and the consolidation of its seasonally weaker trading period.

Trading has been more difficult in most of Rank's businesses, with the exception of bingo. Hotels, discos, casinos and video duplication have all encountered tough conditions.

UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in final pre-tax profits at Greene King, the brewing group, of £21.5 million, against £20.1 million. Market forecasts range from £20.6 million to £21.5 million. A net dividend of 11.1p (9.8p) is forecast.

Interims: Domino Printing Sciences, Fleming American Investment Trust, Rank Organisation.
Finals: Asda Group, Cray Electronics Holdings, Greene King, Jurys Hotel, Leica, Morris Ashby, Park Food Group, Symonds Engineering.
Economic statistics: Capital issues and redemptions for June.

FRIDAY

Interims: Abbey Panels Investments.
Finals: British Building and Engineering Appliances, Christie Group, Pepe Group, Verson International.
Economic statistics: Usable steel production for June, March to May quarterly analysis of bank advances, retail price index and tax and price index for June.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Tripos results

Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos

Part 1

Classical Greek

Class I: I Papadrakakis (Clare).

Classical Latin

Class II (Div 2): L A Bartolotti* (Emm): V C Merron (Queens')

* With Latin composition

Czech

Class II (Div 1): A R Gardner (Corpus): B R Tarlton (Caius).

Dutch

Class II (Div 1): A M Palmer (Girt).

Class III: A J Speakman (Jesus).

French

Class I: H A Bristow (Sidney): I Castle (Girt): J L Coral (John): M L R de Mauny (Pemb): C M Farrimond (Trin): D M Harrison (Rob): D L Jones (Selw): C J S Leatherbarrow (Queens'): C A Ling (Jesus): T L Lloyd (Trin): N C T Longhurst (Cath): J K Mallinson (Caius): S C Moss (Christ's): J S Pitts (Girt): C V Powell (New H): A C Richard (Emm): H M Rothera (Trin H): G Wood (John): G P Woods (Christ's).

Class II (Div 1): C U Ahlers (Corpus): A E K Alam (Sidney): J Amos (Girt): R E Anderson (Trin): S E Anderson (King's): J P Aranzulla (Caius): T J Ashton (Magd): H E Baldock (Sidney): S Baliga (John): L Ballard (Corpus): A C Blomefield (Girt): S C Blyth (Queens'): B D Brind (Trin H): A R Broadbent (King's): A J Cain (Pemb): S C Calvert (Cath): E Carter (Clare): S J Cooper (Corpus): S E Cottrell (Fitz): M Davies (Christ's): N S Davies (Clare): J J Davison (Queens'): A B Donaldson (Corpus): A C Edgecliffe-Johnson (Rob): K V Elliott (Newn): J M Fernando (Caius): S Fluss (Newn): K A French (Chur): H E Gaffney (Trin): R J Garbutt (Cath): P A Greenwood (Trin H): M H Griffin (New H): A S Hayes (Emm): R C Hayes (Jesus): S G Herring (Trin H): J A Hicks (King's): R A Holmes (Clare): E M Jackson (Sidney): D C A Johncock (Christ's): N M E Kennedy (Trin H): F J Lomax (Selw): D J Lopez-Real (Fitz): A K Love (Pemb): M C McNeany (Trin H): J Michaels (Queens'): B M Monaghan (Corpus): M N Moss (John): S T Mulherin (Cath): C H Negus (New H): G K Panesar (Emm): J Phythian (John): N J Pollard (Trin H): D J R Powell (Cath): M P Power (Selw): E Reiss (Emm): K B Richardson (Fitz): B Rimmington (Clare): L M Sampson (Emm): T J Seaton (Selw): K Sehnbruch (Jesus): J K Sekulin (Selw): T Shrivastava (Down): A C F Singer (Magd): A L Slocombe (Magd): C Smith (Down): M P Smith (Fitz): P A Smith (Trin H): I A D Sorgo (John): H C Storey (Trin H): C E E Traves (Selw): A S Walker (Caius): E L Walmsley (Queens'): R C Wilcockson (Caius): S J Winter (Sidney): R J Wise (Jesus): C M Wright (Jesus): A R Wylie (Queens'): R C Young (Caius).

Class II (Div 2): J M Adams (Emm): L S Arter (Newn): S E Atherton (Girt): J J Barton (Christ's): C E Bedwell (Selw): R H Best (Fitz): N M Biggs (Pemb): B G Bolz (New H): C S Brown (Corpus): J J Burke (Chur): T K Cohen (New H): R E Collins (Trin): C J Cullen (Jesus): R A S Dalnow (King's): P J A Dolmi de Lupis (Jesus): K Dunstan (Trin): C J Ewins (King's): M Gibson (Pemb): J C Glidener (Chur): K A Grahame (Magd): T J Guymer (Emm): S F Hamilton (Girt): H E Harding (Rob): S E Harper (Emm): L G Harris (Down): M T P Hetherton (Clare): R M Hodge (Cath): I L Jagoe (Rob): J J Kedward (Fitz): N R Katterer (Fitz): A M King (Sidney): S L Leaman (Magd): N P McAllen (Jesus): F McLure (New H): S K McVeen (Jesus): E C Moore (Christ's): D C Muirden (Fitz): B D O'Keeffe (Fitz): G B Pye (John): C L Reece (Newn): T Rees (Jesus): P J Revis-Ward (Peterh): R K Robins (Sidney): N Rogers (Jesus): T P Rowley (Sidney): T M Rubidge (John): C M Scott (Caius): F K Sellers (Trin): P Snell (King's): N A Stewart (Trin): C E Stuart (Cath): A M Sullivan (Queens'): D M Tierney (New H): L A Tolman (New H): E J Travis (Caius): K L Whittington (John): F H Wilson (Trin): D P Wright (Magd): S Wright (Rob).

Class III: P Basterra (Girt): M Fernandez (John): A L Frank (Jesus): S A Gomez (Trin): A J Hart (Girt).

Declared to have deserved honours: D R S Kenyon (Lucy): J I McKeown (Emm).

German

Class I: C U Ahlers (Corpus): P J Atkinson (Cath): C S Brown (Corpus): E S G Daya (Selw): J M Fernando (Caius): E Hyman (Emm): D O Kellett (Emm): S A Llewellyn Smith (Clare): A C Richards (Emm): M Schneider (Newn): M E B Tait (Queens'): A J Tunley (King's): G P Woods (Christ's).

Class II (Div 1): J Amos (Girt): R E Anderson (Trin): S E Anderson (King's): J P Aranzulla (Caius): L Ballard (Corpus): J J Beattie (Jesus): A R Bell (Down): N M Biggs (Pemb): B G Bolz (New H): H A Bristow (Sidney): E Carter (Clare): H C Comber (Selw): S J Cooper (Corpus): P M Ede (Girt): S Fross (Newn): R J Garbutt (Cath): S F Hamilton (Girt): A S Hayes (Emm): S G Herring (Trin H): S H Jenkins (Pemb): A M T F Leonard (Emm): E J Little (Clare): F J Lomax (Selw): T C Ludden (New H): M C McNeany (Trin H): J K Mallinson (Caius): C L Owen (Down): M G Potter (King's): K B Richardson (Fitz): B Rimmington (Clare): R K Robins (Sidney): I A D Sorgo (John): E J Travis (Caius): R C Wilcockson (Caius): C M Wright (Jesus).

Class II (Div 2): K A Allan (Newn): C E Bedwell (Selw): R H Best (Fitz): A Campomar-Goldbach (Down): T K Cohen (New H): O R Drewell (Rob): K Dunstan (Trin): A S Fell-Clark (Rob): J C Glidener (Chur): M H Griffin (New H): S E Harper (Emm): P Heaton (Trin): A M King (Sidney): S L Leaman (Magd): T L Lloyd (Trin): I A McKenzie (Emm): E C Major (Caius): T Northorpe (Newn): B D O'Keeffe (Fitz): T M Rubidge (John): A C F Singer (Magd): M P Smith (Fitz): M N Stanton (Girt): A M Sullivan (Queens'): J F Wilcock (Caius): S J Winter (Sidney).

Class III: S E Atherton (Girt): A P Chazzanow (Girt): S A Gomez (Trin): A J Hart (Girt): F McLure (New H): H R Malley (Rob): E C Moore (Christ's): F P S Scimone (Corpus): F K Sellers (Trin): C E Stuart (Cath): F H Wilson (Trin).

Karl Hahn Prize: M E B Tait (Queens'): G P Woods (Christ's).

Hungarian

Class I: A D Garden (Jesus).

Italian

Class I: S L Alexander (Fitz): K P Alter (Selw): J L Coral (John): S Tarnoffsky (Down): C E E Traves (Selw).

Class II (Div 1): J E Bailey (Selw): S Baliga (John): J M Droop (Trin): C J Ewins (King's): J E Ferguson (Trin): C A Fisher (Newn): C Gill Leach (Clare): E H Gulliver (Caius): Y M Jacobs (John): D C A Johncock (Christ's): A G Jones (Trin H): D L Jones (Selw): I M Jones (Corpus): E E Nobbs (Fitz): H A Preis (Cath): T P Rowley (Sidney): L M Sampson (Emm): F P S Scimone (Corpus): K A Wallis (Sidney): J C West (Cath): R C Young (Caius).

Class II (Div 2): V G Barman (Rob): A S Blackburne (Corpus): A J Briscoe (Trin H): N C Chapman (Pemb): R S Hanbury (Rob): N M Hooper (New H): A L L M Mantovani (Rob): G B Pye (John): K E Somerville (Cath): A Stanley (King's): H D J Swinglehurst (Emm): J N Tucker (Selw): R E Williamson (Lucy).

Declared to have deserved Honours: E K Wade (Caius).

Modern Greek

Class I: I Papadrakakis (Clare).

Norwegian

Class II (Div 1): J H Cunliffe (Jesus).

Portuguese

Class I: C E Hughes (Cath): G H Rodwell (Cath).

Class II (Div 1): M I Baladon (Newn).

Russian

Class I: B D Hague (Jesus): K J Leach (Jesus): M V Robinson (Jesus).

Class II (Div 1): J C Atkins (Trin H): A R Broadbent (King's): A J Cain (Pemb): C Collins (John): T P Day (Trin): M L R de Mauny (Pemb): P J A Dolmi de Lupis (Jesus): C M Farrimond (Trin): C J Gardner (Caius): R W Harrison (Clare): C E Judson (Jesus): A M T F Leonard (Emm): H L Lethaby (Fitz): B M Monaghan (Corpus): G K Panesar (Emm): N J Pollard (Trin H): K L Sugden (New H): P A Smith (Trin H): A S Walker (Caius): C P Williams (Clare).

Class II (Div 2): C M L Adams (Newn): A P Allman (King's): C J Bishop (Pemb): A J Butler (Down): R C Cunning (Caius): P A R Chapman (Cath): C E Clarke (Rob): R A S Dalnow (King's): M Davies (Christ's): R I C Gladitz (Caius): C J Hale (Down): C S Hall (Fitz): R E Hanlon (Trin): N A Kemper (Trin H): M N Moss (John): D C Muirden (Fitz): C H Negus (New H): T Northorpe (Newn): C T Oestreich (Rob): E R Taylor (Trin): L Taylor (King's): A J Thompson (Newn): J F Walker (Chur): J K Watts (Rob): G A Wilson (Caius).

Class III: E Barry (Trin H): C L Bubna-Kastelitz (Trin): D A Kelly (Trin): P R Kruppa (Emm).

Spanish

Class I: S E Cottrell (Fitz): C E Hughes (Cath): T A Morgan (Fitz): M G Potter (King's): H M Rothera (Trin H): M R Uzielli (Pemb): A R Wylie (Queens').

Class II (Div 1): H E Baldock (Sidney): T P W Barker (Trin): J J Barton (Christ's): A C Blomefield (Girt): C D Brown (New H): I D Cann (Emm): C L Daniels (Newn): N S Davies (Clare): T P Day (Trin): M R Dias (Christ's): J M Droop (Trin): D J Farmer (Trin H): C Gill Leach (Clare): D A Hammond (John): L G Harris (Down): R C Hayes (Jesus): N R Katterer (Fitz): C J S Leatherbarrow (Queens'): A D McCallum (John): L J Mansfield (Jesus): J Michaels (Queens'): S T Mulherin (Cath): E M Payne (Sidney): C V Powell (New H): M P Power (Selw): N P Power (Girt): G H Rodwell (Cath): T Shrivastava (Down): R M Teale (Girt): E L Walmsley (Queens'): R J Wise (Jesus).

Class II (Div 2): A E K Alam (Sidney): P Basterra (Girt): V G Barman (Rob): T J Blackburn (Girt): R E Collins (Trin): N M C Gardiner (Queens'): M Gibson (Pemb): O W H Gorton (Trin): S M Hall (John): E L Jones (Trin H): G H Kealey (Trin): J V Macdonald (Cath): J I McKeown (Emm): D M F McNamara (Trin): D J R Powell (Cath): T Rees (Jesus): E Reiss (Emm): D M Tierney (New H): A M Trout (Trin H): S J Turner (Pemb): S M Wilson (Sidney).

Class III: M Fernandez (John): M M Neill (Peterh).

Economics tripos

Part I

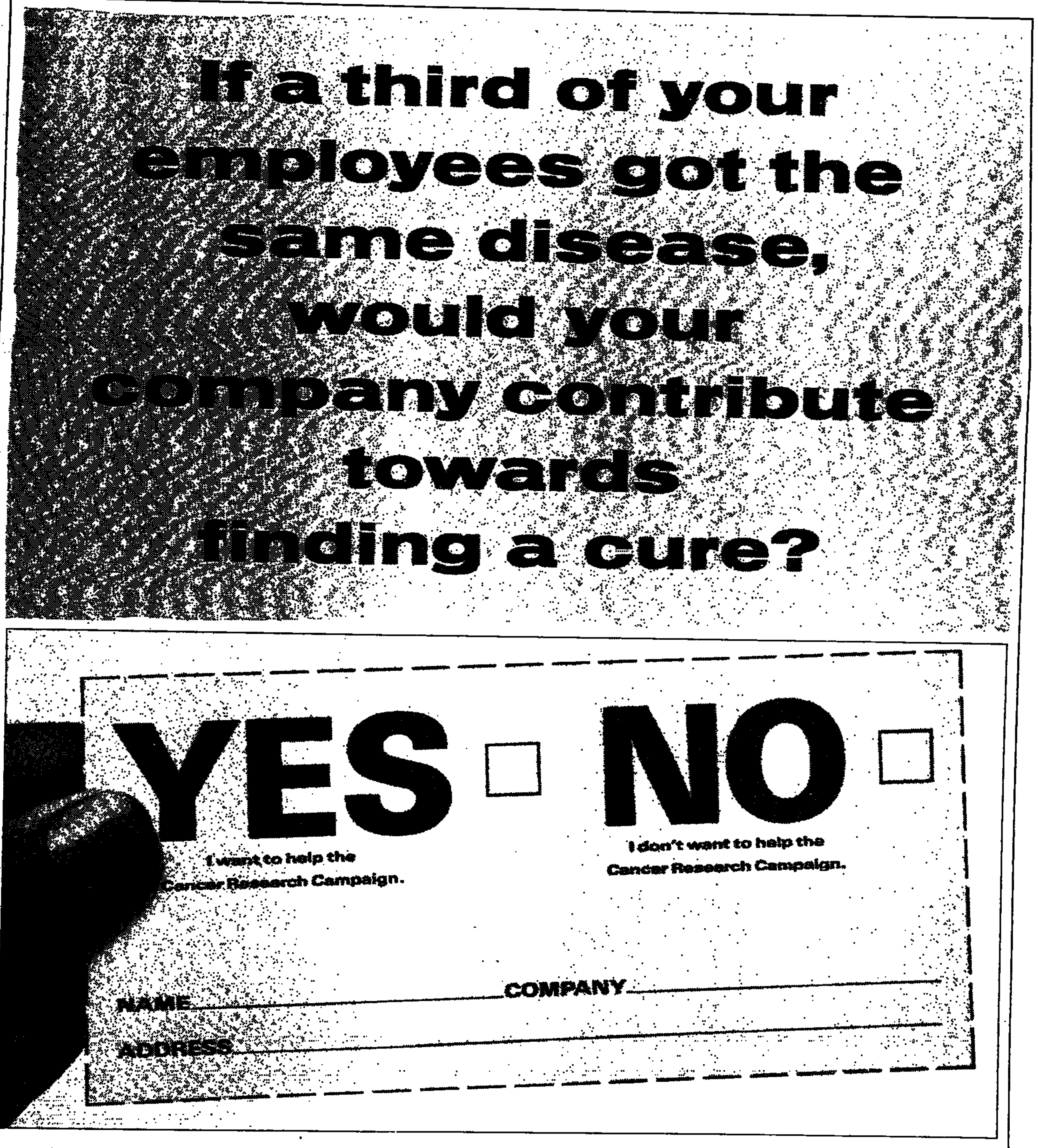
Class I: T A Z Aziz (Fitz): J R E K Clemence (Pemb): R B Crabtree (Girt): J A Dick (Sidney): S S Garcha (John): C A Goodman (Sidney): S A Kydd (Caius): P J Offer (Cath): M P O'Hare (Peterh): N R Osborne (Cath): E J Oswick (Sidney): S Sivashankar (Caius): J R W Temple (Jesus): A R Way (Pemb): R Yee Woon Ming (Selw).

Class II (Div 1): S A R Adams (King's): S J Addington (Fitz): R K Allman (Girt): M J K Ansell (Pemb): R Balakrishnan (Chur): R S L Barrett (Trin): S C Baty (Chur): J Beadle (Peterh): A J Bertolotti (Queens'): S D Bhattacharya (Selw): J J Bleasdale (Chur): A C Bound (John): D J Brock (Trin): C H P Carl (Caius): D I Cathcart (Queens'): G W Cawdery (Sidney): S G Chua (Christ's): S W Chua (John): J A Clark (Magd): D F Clay (John): A J Cooper (John): M R Copley (John): D J Cramer (Caius): L J Croft (Selw): G L Dalman (Cath): P A Danes (Fitz): L Dixon (Trin H): C G Dotrell (New H): T M Eberstein (Pemb): N W Edmonds (Caius): C L Evans (Newn): S M Farrall (Fitz): N J Fearnhead (Peterh): S R Ford (Girt): M R J Froggatt (Queens'): J E Gilpin (Pemb): L C Gold (Trin): M E Greenlick (Trin): A K Gregory (Emm): F J Hall (John): R J E Hall (Caius): I D Henderson (Caius): C D Hewitt (Rob): B M Hird (Rob): T Hoffmen (Jesus): S Illes (Chur): P A Kairuna (Trin): P Kelaidikar (King's): K K Koh (Clare): P E R Lam Yan Foon (Emm): S L Lee (Cath): E J Leech (Rob): C K Lim (Sidney): R M Loretto (John): D J Loynes (Emm): A N McCracken (Down): P J McMenemy (Sidney): A N Majumdar (Emm): E P Marcanac (King's): N R Masding (John): M G Mazery (Cath): N Miklavcic (Magd): P M C Miller (Down): A S Moloobhoy (Sidney): A F Moretti Adimari (Trin H): R J Newall (Caius): S T Oestmann (Caius): M Omar (Sidney): N J Reglar (John): R S Rell (Queens'): P D Richings (Christ's): B J Robinson (Clare): A K Roget (Chur): J P Ryan (Fitz): K K Shah (Emm): S S Shaikh (Selw): L M Shonfield (Cath): J A Smith (Christ's): P E Staden (Emm): O J Thomas (Emm): M E K Thornton (Newn): M D Todd (Queens'): D S Turnbull (Caius): R J Wayman (Jesus): M G White (Clare): L W H Yee (Down): D Zoppos (Rob).

Class II (Div 2): G C Alderson (Emm): M J H Ashworth (John): G H Baker (Trin): A S Barnett (John): C T Barr (Christ's): P Z Bihrman (Fitz): I E J Birch (Fitz): R W L Briggs (Fitz): L R Bullock (Trin H): L E Bushill-Matthews (Newn): L V Caulton (John): V Chan (Caius): S Chandler (Girt): A H Clarke (Queens'): N J Clarry (Jesus): S J Corbett (King's): T J Daniels (Queens'): G R J Davison (Corpus): B M Defty (Queens'): T R Eddy (Trin): B Ekhard (Fitz): F E Fattin (Chur): R Frost (Magd): L A Gairns (Clare): J P Goldberg (Sidney): D J Hanby (Queens'): C N Henry (Cath): D J Herbert (Trin): A Jackson (Fitz): L F Kaplan (Down): P E Khoo (Fitz): M C Lambrou (Chur): D A Laws (Cath): W H T Lim (Clare): A I B Lloyd (Fitz): T E J Longridge (Emm): S McEwen (New H): S Maddock (King's): R F Manning (Down): O C F Morley (Jesus): C K Nicolaides (Trin): C L Norcliff (Newn): O T O'Brien (Girt): S E O'Keeffe (Newn): K Postaidis (Girt): K N Patel (Sidney): G L Plater (Sidney): J P E Preston (Emm): M S Radia (Selw): R Rajagopal (Caius): N F Rashid (Magd): N P Ratcliffe (Cath): N K Rayner (Lucy): N S Reeve (Trin): J Rigg (Selw): S C Rigley (Chur): S E Ritz (Trin H): J V Romeo (Trin): C E Rowe (Girt): M Shane (John): C S Siddons (Clare): J M Silk (Trin): A C Stoppings (Newn): R J Stewart (Emm): J H M Tan (Newn): S S Tan (New H): T W Tinder (Girt): R H Toolis (Newn): R Turner (Trin H): M S J Tym (Cath): V Vadi (King's): H J Walker (Clare): G S Webb (Down): G J Williams (Pemb): H M Yates (Down).

Class III: L Barclay (John): O D Binnie (Jesus): S L Elles (Caius): M B Gardner (Corpus): T Kaneh (Selw): J H M Marceline (Girt): J Nellthorp (Down).

Declared to have deserved honours: G S Hodgson (Jesus).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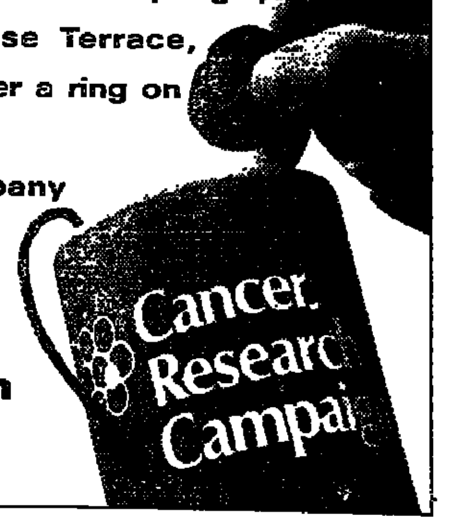

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Stock outstanding £	Stock			Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
1399m	Treas	8%	1991	99	+⅛	8.1	..
1550m	Exch	11%	1991	100	..	11.0	..
2194m	Treas	11¾%	1991	99¾	..	11.8	..

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
84.4m	Union Disc	446	..	46.7	10.5	17.3
903.0m	Warburg SG	457	+14	21.3	4.7	11.3
82.7m	Do 6% 'A'	159	+6	8.0	5.0	..
2,105.1m	Wells Fargo	£40⅝	●-2⅝	..	..	..
2,491.0m	Westpac	212	●+2	..	..	..
27.3m	Wintrust	335	..	12.4	3.8	11.3

BREWERIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
4,558.5m	Allied-Lyons	525	●+7	25.1	4.8	19.8
3,978.7m	Bass	927	●+29	44.4	4.8	9.6
150.0m	Boddington	149	..	8.0	5.4	11.4
120.5m	Bulmer (H P)	231	+1	10.6	4.6	17.3
24.5m	Burtonwood Brew	118	+2	5.7	4.8	5.0
85.2m	Devenish (JA)	169	●-2	7.3	4.3	12.4
——	Fosters Brewing Gp	74	+1	..	..	..
7,545.0m	Grand Met	738	+38	28.3	3.7	13.7
383.2m	Greenall Wht	323	●+15	13.9	4.3	12.4
171.2m	Greene King	407	-2	13.6	3.5	14.6
9,408.4m	Guinness	985	-3	25.0	2.6	15.1
39.4m	Hardys & Hansons	985	●-3	47.6	4.8	12.1
335.1m	Highland Dist	268	+1	6.6	2.5	20.4
202.3m	Invergordon Dist	159	+9	6.7	4.2	13.1
68.6m	Mansfield	487	..	18.1	3.7	11.3
173.2m	Marston Thompson	197	●-4	6.0	3.0	13.6
36.5m	Matthew Clark	393	+3	18.9	4.6	13.7
59.8m	Morland	283	r-20	8.9	3.1	14.4
2,760.3m	SA Breweries	210½	+¼	..	..	..
1,680.1m	Scot & New	390	+20	20.9	5.1	11.4
278.5m	Vaux Grp	282	-16	11.8	5.6	10.4
2,012.7m	Whitbread 'A'	469	●+21	21.7	4.6	9.9
220.9m	Do 'B'	£13½	● ..	21.7	1.6	26.2
341.6m	Wolvhmptn & D	522	●+1	12.9	2.5	14.6
13.4m	Young 'A'	463	● ..	17.3	3.7	17.2

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
20.5m	Abbey	53	-2	..●	..	..
396.1m	Amec	198	+2	13.6	6.8	10.1
11.8m	Anglia Sec	35½	-2	..●	..	..
——	Amcliffe	..	..	9.01	..	..
404.8m	Attwoods	210	●+4	6.5	3.1	18.3
720.5m	BPB Ind	174	r-6	15.0	8.6	11.5
36.0m	Baggeridge Brick	91	● ..	4.2	4.6	10.7
2,926,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	28	..	1.5	5.4	2.9
164.1m	Barratt Devs	91	-4	12.0	13.2	9.8
238.9m	Beazer PLC	84	-1	10.3	12.3	4.9
65.5m	Bellway	229	●-1	14.7	6.4	15.0
1,973,000	Bellwinch	6	..	..	..	..
177.3m	Berkeley Gp	298	●-14	6.0	2.0	..
17.2m	Bett Bros	115	●-25	5.6	4.9	8.7
28.2m	Blockleys	115	-5	6.4	5.6	18.5
1,385.4m	Blue Circle	246	●+6	15.0	6.1	10.9
29.0m	Boot (Henry)	565	..	33.3	5.9	10.2
38.7m	Breedon PLC	94	-2	8.1	8.6	9.7
22.0m	Br Dredging	125	..	9.9	7.9	9.6
254.5m	Bryant	98	-3	6.4	6.5	15.3
31.7m	CALA	90	-8	4.5	5.0	11.6
696.4m	CRH	229	+4	..	..	..
2,625,000	Cakebread Robey	50	..	4.0	8.0	14.8
11.2m	Conder Grp	27	+3	0.4	1.5	..
350.7m	Costain	150	+10	16.3	10.8	..

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Labour cannot bank on a loan-scheme flop

Take-up of student loans is low. But, **John O'Leary** warns opponents, it is too early to write the scheme off as a failure

When next week's deadline passes for student loan applications, the number of borrowers will be less than half that predicted by the government. Each loan is costing twice the estimated amount to administer, and colleges are losing money on their part in a scheme they never wanted.

On the face of it, the scheme has proved to be the disaster its critics expected, and Labour should win support for promising its abolition. A number of factors suggest, however, that it may be too soon to reach such a conclusion.

Although the 200,000 borrowers represent little more than a third of the eligible customers, applications have been arriving at the Glasgow offices of the government-established Student Loans Company at the rate of 1,500 a day as the deadline approaches. Many students, having eked out their money during the academic year, seem to be finding that the withdrawal of housing benefit, vacation allowances and income support is forcing them to swallow their objections to the scheme.

Stephen Twigg, the president of the National Union of Students (NUS), is meeting Alan Howarth, the higher education minister, today to press the case for the restoration of vacation hardship allowances. The union has been deluged with calls as students have reached the end of the year without the money to secure their housing for the summer.

Alternative sources of finance from parents and banks had allowed students to turn their undoubted antagonism to the loans scheme into an effective boycott. Even the maximum loan of £480 was small enough to be passed up by many students while maximum grants stayed at £2,845 and the banks competed for accounts with interest-free overdrafts. As the banks have started to demand repayment and students in many parts of Britain face a summer with little chance of lucrative vacation employment, the attractions of a five-year loan linked to inflation have increased. By next year, when maximum loans will increase by almost 50 per cent while grants remain frozen, it may be even harder to resist joining the government's scheme.

'Students are being forced to swallow their objections'

Ron Harrison, the chief executive of the Student Loans Company, is steering well clear of targets, having been saddled with a government prediction that 80 per cent of students would take out a loan this year. He is confident, however, that business will be a good deal better in 1991-2.

While accepting that loans are costing £50 each to administer, compared with the initial estimate of £27, Mr Harrison considers such calculations misleading. He explains: "We do not look at our performance as a one-year scenario. You cannot run a business on that basis; you have to plan. We are confident that with the expected increase in loans next year, there will be a narrowing of the gap with our forecast costs."

Work is in progress on a simplified system, cutting down on the bureaucracy that was thought necessary to minimise the risk of fraud. Mr Harrison hopes to be allowed to use National Insurance numbers, rather than birth certificates, as proof of identity, and to accept direct applications by 1992. For the coming year, applications will still have to be processed initially by colleges. So far, no fraudulent applications have been discovered, and the level of defaulting among the 500 borrowers who dropped out of courses last year is low at 5.6 per cent. A tracing agency has been hired to find those who are failing to respond to repayment demands, but the company is not going to offer a propaganda coup to its critics by rushing to court or placing defaulters on a credit blacklist until all other approaches have been exhausted.

None of this will satisfy Labour. Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, insists that although those who have taken out loans will have to repay them, the scheme will be scrapped if Labour wins the general election. Mandatory grants will be restored to their value before they were frozen last year. This would still be cheaper in the next ten years than offering student loans.

Mr Straw makes no firm commitment to restore housing benefit, although he hopes to do so since he accepts that this is the main source of hardship at present. The NUS predicts a mounting problem of student debt as the summer passes, but it too is committed to maintaining its opposition to loans. As the value of grants continues to decline, however, the union's members will be less able to maintain their resistance.

Quids out: students demonstrate in London after the government announcement of student loans

Keeping faith with church — or community?

A school has lost a grant because it refuses to exclude children of other denominations

The Bishop of Peterborough: priority for church members

Should church schools provide a Christian education exclusively for their own believers, or should they be community schools run on Christian lines? Last week the headmaster of a city centre school said he and his governors could not accept church demands to give priority for places to its members' children. The school has since lost a £128,000 grant towards an £800,000 technology block.

In a decision that mirrors the dilemma for the 5,000 church schools in England, Peterborough's diocesan board of education says the grant will be withheld until King's school changes its admissions policy and gives preference to the children of committed Anglicans. The increasing acrimony of the debate between Michael Barcroft, the head of King's, and the Right Rev Bill Westwood, the Bishop of Peterborough, means they cannot agree even on the facts.

Mr Barcroft, the headmaster of the 740-pupil co-educational King's school for the past 17 years, says that because the school has more applicants than places, the diocesan demand that it should give priority to Anglican families in the area would mean King's becoming 100 per cent Anglican and ceasing to be a school serving the whole community. At present, he says, the school takes in a small number of children from other faiths, along with children from the neighbouring diocese of Ely. The school, founded with the diocese by Henry VIII in 1541, provides choristers for Peterborough cathedral. King's insists it is applying Church of England policy: that while serving church families, its schools should reflect the community they serve, allowing, for example, Buddhists and Roman Catholics to be taught alongside children from Church of England families.

Mr Barcroft says his school already has a 70 per cent Anglican roll and has agreed to move towards 80 per cent membership. He adds, however, that the school cannot accept diocesan demands that brothers and sisters of pupils already in the school will not be given priority. The bishop argues that the diocese is not seeking 100 per cent membership, just that the school should give preference to Anglican families. He says this would not close places for brothers and sisters. "We have poured hundreds of thousands of pounds into our schools over the years and we would expect priority to be given to church members. You want to feel that in a church school it is apparent that it is run by the church."

He says many church members have complained that their children had been denied admittance to the school, without explanation, while children from other faiths, or no faith at all, had been admitted.

Voluntary aided schools own their premises but are run by local authorities and are given 15 per cent of the running costs by churches or charitable foundations. In 1989, there were 4,947 Church of England schools, 2,202 Roman Catholic, 31 Methodist, 21 Jewish and 228 with charitable foundations, among a total of 25,000 state schools.

The Church of England, which runs 20 per cent of primary schools in England, believes it must play its part in the wider education service. The church, however, is not entirely sure how this can be done. Pressures between church and community were highlighted in a survey into London Church of England schools published by the Anglican Culham College Institute last week. Almost all the 137 schools are ethnically mixed, and in some cases white pupils form less than a quarter of the school population. At some schools, more than half the children come from families practising non-Christian religions.

The survey says: "It is considered that part of the function of the church school is to provide Christian education for families who are active members of the church themselves, and others who wish for it. Such a role has its dangers, and ultimately the church should be seen to be serving the whole community."

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Pioneer college fires warning

The principal of a CTC predicts a battle if Labour threatens closure. **Alan Road** hears the arguments

DOUG HALL

Back to traditional values: George McHugh insists his students and staff dress neatly and has banned smoking among his teachers

As the prime minister breathed new life into the government's city technology college (CTC) *programme*, a pioneer principal warned Labour that if it tried to close his £8 million college the protests on Tyneside would be heard in London.

Last week John Major said legislation would be introduced to make it easier for local authorities and grant-maintained and other schools to combine with industry to set up new CTCs. There are only seven CTCs and six more will open in September. This total of 13 is far fewer than the government's original intention.

George McHugh, the principal of Emmanuel CTC in Gateshead, believes more than 90 per cent of his pupils come from socialist homes and says Labour will fight shy of handing over the CTCs to local authority control. "I cannot believe a rational group of Labour politicians is going to do something to harm its own," he says.

In grey herringbone suit with red tie and matching handkerchief, the 6ft 2in extrovert insists on a neat *turnout for students* and staff alike: "If you work at Emmanuel, you will wear a smart suit, shirt and tie. Ladies wear skirts, not trousers." He also makes sure that staff do not smoke in the college, arguing that children have had enough double talk about not smoking from teachers who have just put out a cigarette.

Mr McHugh, the son of a Scottish doctor practising in West Africa, is a product of private education but criticises it for reinforcing class divisions. In his first post at Millfield, the Somerset public school, he was attracted to the idea of wealthy parents paying over the odds to fund the education of the talented poor.

Despite his affection for Millfield, he belongs in the state sector and obtained his first headship at Wellfield school, Co Durham. He began to toy with the idea of setting up a "Millfield of the north", where the education of deprived inner city children might be subsidised by local business people. When he approached one of them, he discovered there were already tentative plans for setting up a CTC, an innovation that was not unlike his own concept but with a specifically Christian ethos. "We have found that people of the Hindu and Muslim faiths welcome the moral structure and are happy to join us," Mr McHugh says.

The mother of an Asian pupil, Gurminder, confirms the assertion, saying her religion teaches people to love one another. So far she has heard nothing from Emmanuel to contradict that, despite banners in the school hall proclaiming Christian slogans and morning assemblies where boys and girls wearing maroon blazers are boldly told that Jesus loves.

Emmanuel opened amid great local media attention last September with the singing of "Morning Has Broken". There have been few subsequent breakages at the purpose-built complex. Vandalism is a self-inflicted wound, Mr McHugh says. A broken window can cost the college a textbook, he tells students, and a smashed door could mean the sacrifice of two rugby balls. Similarly, graffiti, which gives prospective employers a bad impression, can lose jobs.

> 'I cannot believe rational Labour politicians will do something to harm their own'

Eventually, Emmanuel will have 900 students aged from 11 to 18. For the moment its 150 first-year entrants rattle around in its spacious accommodation. Superb facilities include a professional standard 16-track recording studio, a music room with a dozen keyboards, 100 computer terminals and an all-purpose gymnasium as big as an aircraft hangar.

Emmanuel's four main sponsors are Reg Vardy, a motor trader; Dickens, a long-established home improvement retail group; Safeway, the supermarket chain; and John Laing, the construction company. All are substantial local employers and could be said to have a particular interest in the quality of Tyneside school-leavers. Despite their £2 million contribution, however, sponsors will not be calling the educational tune at Emmanuel, Mr McHugh insists.

The summer term will end with an old-style prize day. "There will be cups for everything," Mr McHugh says enthusiastically. Awards will be made not only for excellence and achievement but also for courage and effort.

Houses at Emmanuel are named not after the customary historic characters or local dignitaries, but after the early Christian communities of Romans, Galatians and Corinthians. According to the college noticeboard, the Romans have exerted an initial dominance.

Mr McHugh makes no excuses for reintroducing such competitive features or a host of other concepts — such as loyalty, tradition and discipline — which, he alleges, have been thrown out by many schools. Life is competitive, he insists. "To stand up before your school and say there are no winners and no losers is dishonest and does not serve these youngsters at all," he says.

Gateshead's Labour-controlled local authority is not impressed, claiming there is no local demand for such an institution. Yet about 600 enquiries were received this year for the 150 new places available in September.

However, George Gill, the Labour leader, says the advent of Emmanuel coincided with a radical reorganisation of local education provision to cope with serious over-capacity. As a result of local authority disapproval, the college is denied the use of neighbouring playing fields and had a long battle over the siting of a nearby lollipop crossing.

Opponents argue that CTCs, described by the government as "centres of excellence", starve rival schools of talent by creaming off the region's élite scholars. In response, Mr McHugh points out that 66.4 per cent of his intake comes from deprived or severely deprived backgrounds. "We have taken more than our quota of disadvantaged children," he says. From the outset, the school has had a unit for children with special difficulties. Their work is featured in one corridor wall display.

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Truancy, a growing concern in many schools, is rare at Emmanuel, and discipline has posed few problems. There have been no expulsions or suspensions. Attendance at extra-curricular activities is good and 90 pupils are learning to play musical instruments. Every child has participated in a five-mile and a ten-mile walk. Unsolicited testimonials to pupils' behaviour outside school have reached a proud principal from the likes of a local bus company manager and hoteliers.

Among Emmanuel's severest critics is Alan Brazendale, the education committee chairman. "We don't want it in Gateshead," he protests. "The sooner we can get rid of it the better." He says that after a change of government, funding will be reduced to normal levels and then the establishment will start to collapse.

Parents' reactions indicate such a collapse would not be welcomed. One father dropping off his daughter sums up the sentiments of many: "I am delighted with the school. They are returning to the days of discipline without going over the top." He insisted on anonymity. "You see, I work for the local authority," he said.

NOTICEBOARD

High marks for college

THE first external assessment of a university's standards has complimented Aberystwyth University College, part of the University of Wales. Aberystwyth was one of five chosen for pilot inspections by the Academic Audit Unit, which was established last year by the vice-chancellors. All universities will be audited during the next two years before the introduction of quality control arrangements outlined in the higher education white paper.

The unit's report praised Aberystwyth's caring attitude towards students, the monitoring of attendance and carefully prepared teaching. The three auditors, seconded from other universities, called for the development of a stronger postgraduate culture, greater use of student questionnaires and further consideration of the external examiner system operated by the university.

Alan Howarth, the higher education minister, said last Friday that the unit would form the model for a new body covering polytechnics as well as universities. He told a London conference on quality in higher education that the new body would complement the work of assessment units run by the proposed higher education funding councils.

Exchange talks

THE heads of schools in seven countries will begin a three-day meeting tomorrow to establish a programme of extended exchanges between their pupils. The conference, at Woldingham school, Surrey, brings together delegates from 26 sister schools of the Sacred Heart foundation. The network may soon expand to Japan, where there are now five further sister schools.

Quality counts

THE united front maintained by the universities in welcoming the polytechnics to their ranks cracked a little last week. Sir William Fraser, the principal of Glasgow university, said in a graduation day speech what some others are too discreet to utter publicly.

In a reference to ministers' praise for the way polytechnics have increased their student numbers, Sir William said: "If distinctions are to be made among institutions of higher education, they should not be on the number of new courses introduced in the previous 12 months, or on academic versus vocational, or on the title of the institution. There is only one standard in the end — quality."

Sir William recalled the chorus from *The Gondoliers*:

"In short, whoever you may be,
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When everybody is somebodee,
Then no one's anybody!"

Rescue act

ACTORS from several successful television series will take part in a celebrity sponsored walk tomorrow to try to save a primary school in Lewisham, southeast London, from having to cut a teaching post.

David Haig, who plays the leading role in Central Television's *Soldier, Soldier*, has organised the event on behalf of Ashmead primary school, which his daughter attends. Among the other walkers will be Bernard Hill, famous for his part in *The Boys from the Blackstuff*, and Alfred Molina, from *El CID*, whose daughters are former pupils. Teachers, pupils and other parents will also take part. Mr Haig said: "It is a sad state of affairs when parents and children are forced to walk in order to raise money for essential teaching staff."

Lewisham is enforcing cuts after overspending its education budget by at least £5 million. The parents claim the loss of a teacher would cause overcrowding.

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Defeat no disgrace in demanding first game of tour

State side shows too much steel for rusty England

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From DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
SYDNEY

DEFEAT for the grand slam champions of Europe was no disgrace in the first game of their tour at Waratah Rugby Park yesterday. Indeed, England, if they are sensible, will pluck the positive elements from a match they lost by two goals and three penalty goals to two goals, a try and a penalty and turn them to good account by the tour's end.

It may be argued that the absence of the injured Simon Hodgkinson cost them dear, since one place kick was the difference between success and failure and they missed three such kicks. But that would be a false premise: New South Wales, with seven wins and a draw behind them this season, played with the confidence and cohesion of a club XV and deserved their win.

The fine tuning of England's game was absent, which is hardly surprising since it is nearly four months since they played together. Neither captain believed the result to be significant in terms of the international against Australia on July 27.

England's natural disappointment at losing their opening match was ameliorated by having scored three tries to two against match-hardened opponents after only four days in the country.

It is rare that England are physically overlooked in the lineout, but Cutler, Waugh and Gavin did so, and it took much of the first half before England were able to establish respectability in that area.

Their best period came in the first half. Roebuck's first penalty had been instantly answered by Heslop's try, in pursuit of a perceptive kick from Webb which eluded Campese, and eight minutes later Webb crossed himself.

Poidevin, the New South Wales flanker, felt England eased off at that stage and certainly they were caught on the hop when Allen's high kick to the tryline, seemingly too deep to be effective, somehow eluded Webb and Tombs leaped highest to collect the bounce.

When Farr-Jones scored, after Egerton wriggled free from Carling's tackle, England found themselves 15-10 down at the interval, with only intermittent control of the ball.

Two penalties by Roebuck placed them further in the mire but they responded with a penalty from Webb and a drive from Teague and Hall (playing out of position at No. 8), which created the space for Guscott to launch himself at the line before, at the last moment, slipping the ball to Underwood.

Had Andrew's dropped goal attempt not hit a post the verdict might have been changed, although Moore did not help the cause by stamping on Cutler's head in the closing minutes when England were pressing for the decisive score. But a metaphorical kick in the teeth now may pay dividends later.

SCORERS: New South Wales: Tries: Tombs, Farr-Jones. Conversions: Roebuck (2). Penalty goals: Roebuck (3). England XV: Tries: Heslop, Webb, Underwood. Conversions: Webb (2). Penalty goal: Webb.

NEW SOUTH WALES: M Roebuck; D Campese, C Wells, R Tombs, R Egerton; J Allen, N Farr-Jones (capt); A Daly, P Kearns, E McKenzie, S Poidevin, W Waugh, S Cutler, W Ofahengaue, T Gavin.

ENGLAND XV: J Webb (Bath); N Heslop (Orrell), W Carling (Harlequins, capt), J Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps), R Hill (Bath); J Leonard (Harlequins), B Moore (Harlequins), J Probyn (Wasps), M Teague (Gloucester; temporary rep. M Skinner, Harlequins), P Ackford (Harlequins), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P Winterbottom (Harlequins), J Hall (Bath).

Referee: K Fitzgerald (Queensland).

Skinner takes on temporary role

SYDNEY — The Australian Rugby Union (ARU) conceded yesterday that an error — albeit with the best intentions — had been made when Mickey Skinner, the Harlequins flanker, was allowed to act as a temporary replacement during the opening match of England's tour of Australia and Fiji (David Hands writes).

Skinner took over when Mike Teague left the field in the game against New South Wales in Sydney. Ten minutes later the Gloucester player returned after treatment to his nose, which was damaged early in the game and would not stop bleeding.

The latest International Rugby Football Board directive, an acknowledgement of the medical possibility of contracting Aids or hepatitis B via a wound, insists that players who have been cut should leave the field to have treatment. In Australia this has been taken a stage further this year, by permitting temporary replacements.

However that is valid only for domestic matches up to state level. Bob Fordham, the ARU chief executive, said the rule should not have been implemented where an overseas side was concerned "although we think it's the logical thing to do". However Kerry Fitzgerald, the country's most experienced referee, said the rule had been discussed with both team managers before the game.

Revival is too late for Welsh

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From a CORRESPONDENT
IN BRISBANE

WALES were left to rue their generosity in the opening half-hour, when a fired-up Queensland side raced into a 17-point lead at the Ballymore ground. The Queensland coach, John Connolly, who is also an Australian selector, felt those were the best 30 minutes his side had produced all season.

There were four tries for the home team in its dynamic opening burst. The young Queensland find, John Eales, helped his side take the lineouts with a 22-8 margin, while in the loose Jeff Miller and Brendan Nasser kept the ball coming back.

Sam Scott-Young, the No. 8, and Peter Slattery, the scrum half, scored early tries, with only Welsh response coming from two drop-goals from Adrian Davies, the stand-off half.

A clearance kick from Davies was collected by the Queensland full back, Anthony Herbert, and he somehow managed to hold off six Welshmen and retain the ball. When it emerged, there was an unguarded blind-side tunnel for Michael Lynagh to run down and score.

Wales, though, ironed out some of their problems, began to win some ball and turned what looked like being a rout into a contest. In the third quarter Richard Webster crossed for two tries and moments after his second, Steve Ford, the wing, was sent in at the corner.

That brought the touring team to within three points and when Gareth Llewellyn flopped over the line to claim another try eight minutes from time, Paul Thorburn could have levelled the scores with the conversion.

His kick drifted wide, though, and that was the end of the Welsh revival. Queensland managed to release Jason Little for their fifth try, and Lynagh not only converted, but added a penalty with the last kick of the game.

SCORERS: Queensland: Tries: S Scott-Young, Slattery, Lillicrap, Lynagh, Little. Conversions: Lynagh (3). Penalty goals: Lynagh (3). Wales: Tries: Webster (2), Ford, Llewellyn. Conversion: Thorburn. Dropped goals: A Davies (2).

QUEENSLAND: A Herbert; I Williams, J Little, T Horan, P Carozza; M Lynagh (capt), P Slattery; C Lillicrap, D Nucifora, R Moroney, R McCall, J Eales, J Miller, S Scott-Young, B Nasser.

WALES XV: P Thorburn (Neath, capt); I Evans (Llanelli), S Gibbs (Neath), M Hall (Cardiff), S Ford (Cardiff); A Davies (Neath), C Bridges (Neath, rep: R Jones, Swansea); M Griffiths (Cardiff), K Phillips (Neath), P Knight (Pontypridd), P Arnold (Swansea), Gareth Llewellyn (Neath), M Morris (Neath), P Davies (Llanelli), R Webster.

Referee: B Kinsey (NSW).

Fox's boot the key for N Zealand

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter) — New Zealand had to rely on resolve and a record-breaking effort from their stand-off, Grant Fox, to overcome Argentina, 28-14, in the first international on Saturday.

The world champions were below their best before a crowd of 40,000 and had to wait until the 63rd minute for the first of their two tries. Fox kicked 17 points to become New Zealand's all-time record points-scorer with 791, ten ahead of Don Clarke.

The All Blacks led 12-6 at half-time, all the points coming from penalties. The Pumas captain, Pablo Garretón, and the No. 8, Mario Carreras, in his first test, scored their tries.

The replacement flanker, Andy Earl, and the left wing, Terry Wright, after powerful runs from Craig Innes and Earl, crossed for New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND: K Crowley; J Timu, C Innes, W Little, T Wright; G Fox, G Bachop; M Jones, P Henderson, A Whetton (rep: A Earl), G Whetton, I Jones, R Loe, S Fitzpatrick, S McDowell.

ARGENTINA: G del Castillo (rep: G Angaut); M Terán, H García Simon, S Mesón, D Cuesta Silva; L Arbizu, H Vidou; M Carreras, J Santamarina, P Garretón, G Llanes, P Sporleda, D Cash, R le Fort, F Méndez.

EQUESTRIANISM

Loriston-Clarke strikes right note

By JENNY MACARTHUR

JENNIE Loriston-Clarke and Dutch Gold won the Volvo World Cup dressage qualifier at the Hermes International meeting at Goodwood yesterday, for the second year in succession, after one of the most spectacular freestyle to music tests seen at the famous West Sussex arena.

Dutch Gold, aged 15, a son of Loriston-Clarke's former top horse, Dutch Courage, has always excelled at dressage to music, but yesterday, when he relegated the German women's national champion, Isabelle Werth, on Weingart, to second place and Pia Laus, on Adrett, the winner of the grand prix special to third, he was a class apart.

In step with the music from the moment he entered the sunlit arena, he danced his way through the programme, finishing with a perfectly executed double pirouette.

"I wasn't sure when I went in whether to attempt it," Loriston-Clarke said, "but he was so relaxed and everything was working so well I decided to go for it."

The five judges were as enthusiastic as the cheering spectators, each awarding a mark of over seven out of ten for artistic merit. The win takes Loriston-Clarke to joint-second place in the World Cup league, which has its final in Sweden next April.

Before that, Loriston-Clarke and Dutch Gold are almost certain to lead the British team for the European championships in September where, with the introduction of two sets of medals, one for the freestyle and one for the grand prix special, she now has a realistic chance of winning an individual gold medal.

Laura Fry, aged 23, confirmed her status as the bright new hope for British dressage when, after finishing joint-fifth in the grand prix special on Saturday, she and Quarryman retained the same position in the freestyle to music yesterday.

Fry, who is trained by Sarah Whitmore, had to contend with three breaks in her music when, due to a technical fault, she disconcertingly heard David Hunt's in-house commentary coming over the Tannoy.

"I could hear him saying, 'She needs to lengthen her reins'," Fry, who now looks certain for a place in the British team, said.

RESULTS: Hermes Freestyle to Music Volvo World Cup Qualifier: 1, Dutch Gold (J Loriston-Clarke), 71.7pts; 2, Weingart (I Werth, Ger), 68.2; 3, Adrett (P Laus, It), 66.9. Standings for the European league of the Volvo World Cup: 1, T Bartels (Neth), 21pts; 2 equal, A Toernblad (Den), C Wells (Ger), A van Grunsven (Neth) and Loriston-Clarke, 12. Intermediaire II: 1, Olifant Chantiers (S Cornut, Fr), 1,197pts; 2, Campari (R Klimke, Ger), 1,173; 3, Marzipan (Werth), 1,164. Grand prix special: 1, Adrett (Laus), 1,346; 2, Weingart (Werth), 1,321; 3, Barin (Klimke), 1,318.

☐ Alwyn Holder, the international team driver and 1980 world team gold medal-winner, made a winning comeback at the AA Sandringham horse driving trials in Norfolk yesterday when, driving the new young team which he has brought on so carefully over the last two years, he achieved his first leading victory by winning the AA championship for teams of horses (a Special Correspondent writes).

Almost 20 points behind him in second place was Geoff Woods, the only driver to go clear in the final cone phase. George Bowman recovered from a painful accident on the marathon course to finish third.

RESULTS: Horse teams: 1, A Holder, 181.3pts; 2, G Woods, 201.2; 3, G Bowman, 207.2. Pony teams: 1, P Thomas, 114.8; 2, P Gammell, 142.8; 3, Duke of Edinburgh, 161.5.

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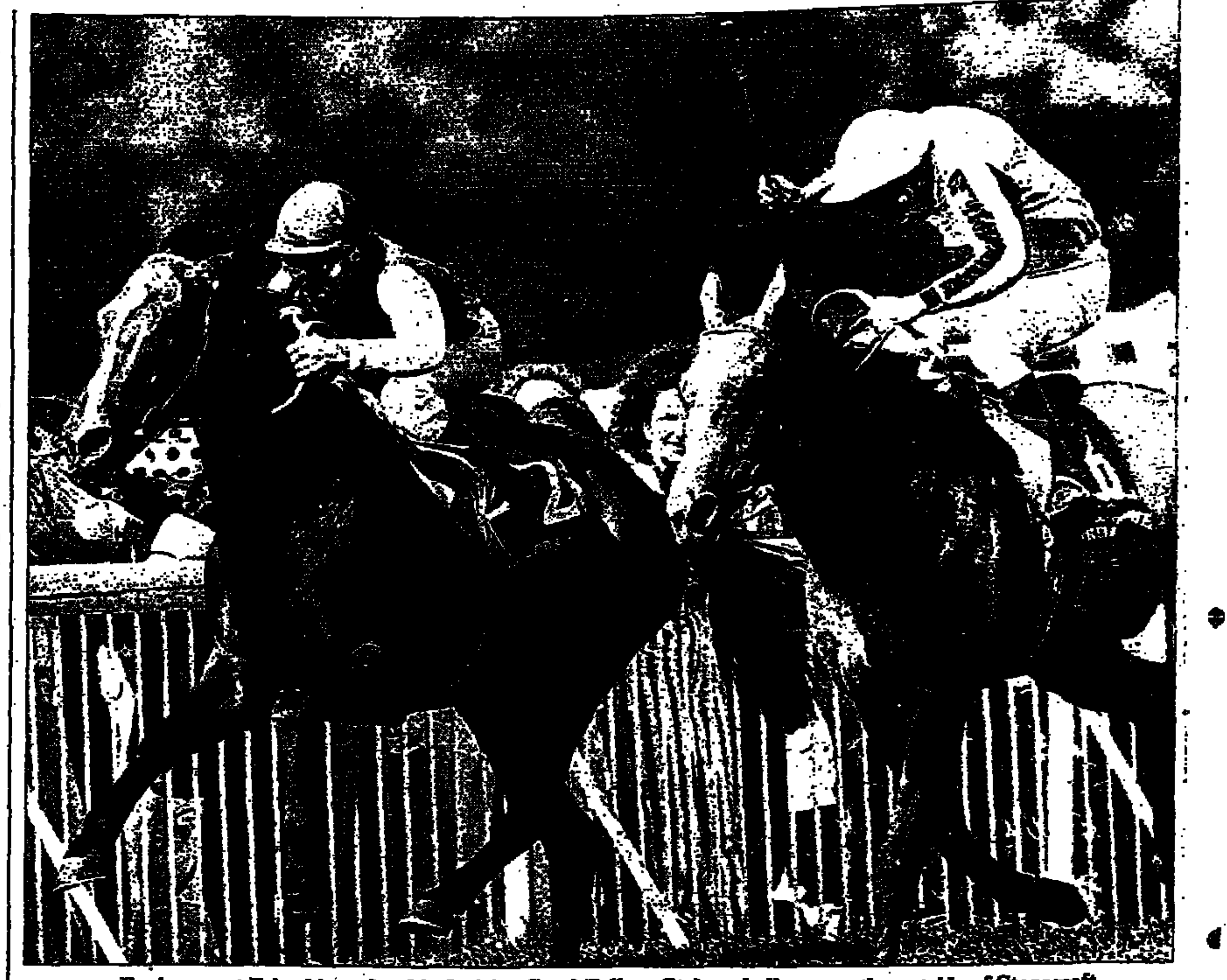

Environment Friend launches his decisive Coral-Eclipse Stakes challenge on the outside of Stagecraft

The friendless Eclipse winner

By RICHARD EVANS

A HORSE nobody wanted made monkeys of the best millions can buy to record one of the biggest shocks in the history of the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday.

Environment Friend, whose 28-1 starting price was the second longest since the race was first run in 1886, is now likely to bypass the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes in favour of the Juddmonte International Stakes at York on August 20.

The long price of the winner was nothing compared to the odds against Bill Gredley's grey ever making the star-studded line-up for the group one race. The circumstances surrounding his participation highlight the delightful uncertainty of any sport — particularly racing.

Gredley, one of the few substantial British owner-breeders, went to Keeneland in 1987 to buy ten mares. Having bought nine, he picked up Water Woo for $45,000, the cheapest of the lot, "to make up the numbers."

The mare was in foal to a little-known sire called Cozzene and their colt was one of a batch from Gredley's Stetchworth Park stud to come under the hammer at Newmarket's Highflyer sales in autumn 1989.

While buyers lavished hundreds of thousands of pounds on impeccably-bred yearlings, the then unnamed Environment Friend narrowly failed to reach his reserve price of 25,000 guineas and returned home. As Gredley recalls: "One more bid, and anyone could have had him."

Instead, Gredley became the first owner to guarantee to send a horse to James Fanshawe, former assistant to Michael Stoute, when he decided to start out on his own. Environment Friend was the horse. An impressive five-length victory in the Dante Stakes at York in May raised genuine hopes of victory in the Derby. His dismal run at Epsom remains a mystery to trainer and owner, despite countless tests.

The poor performance left Fanshawe wanting to run the horse in a race for three-year-olds in France next Sunday rather than compete in the strongest Eclipse field for a decade.

In the run-up to the big race, Fanshawe had said that Environment Friend had no chance at Sandown, on the form book. The remark did not amuse Gredley who told the young trainer to be optimistic rather than pessimistic and to forget the Derby run. It had been too bad to be true.

With rain softening the ground at Esher, a decision to run was taken on Wednesday. Even so, Fanshawe still believed he had no more than "an outside chance of a place."

Fortunately, horses do not know about their trainer's reservations or whether they are unfancied outsiders or odds-on certainties. As George Duffield and Environment Friend turned into the Sandown straight at the rear of the field, the 28-1 price tag looked mean. But in the space of a furlong or so, the whole complexion of the race changed.

Green's Ferneley, the pacemaker, faded at the three-furlong marker — almost certainly too soon for Sanglamore and Pat Eddery. The champion jockey would have preferred a lead for much longer up the Sandown hill and Roger Charlton's colt found disappointingly little once in front.

Suddenly, Steve Cauthen found himself in the lead on Stagecraft, the superb-looking 2-1 favourite. He, too, did not want to be in front so soon.

Michael Stoute, trainer of Stagecraft, said yesterday: "Steve expected Sanglamore to take him much further up the hill, especially as Sanglamore had ignored the pacemaker going down the back straight. You would have thought he would have kept going longer. Instead he left us naked and exposed."

Even so, with Stagecraft two lengths clear a furlong out, few people would have bet on him being beaten, including Duffield. Then Sheikh Mohammed's four-year-old began to waver — and the unthinkable became reality.

The result poses a real puzzle for Anthony Arkwright, the Jockey Club handicapper, as at least three of the seven runners did not appear to produce their best form.

Marju suffered a recurrence of the injury incurred during the 2,000 Guineas and went lame before turning into the straight. John Dunlop said yesterday the St James's Palace Stakes winner would probably need plenty of time to recover.

In The Groove, who finished fourth, failed to find her customary turn of foot while Terimon, a reliable yardstick, ran his most disappointing race for a long time after being fitted with blinkers for the first time.

Gredley commented yesterday: "What is impressive is that Environment Friend and Stagecraft put seven lengths between themselves and the other horses, led by Sanglamore, and they are the top horses of the year."

Environment Friend will remain in training next season when trainer and owner believe he will be stronger and even better.

Meanwhile, Stoute is looking to the King George at Ascot on July 27 as Stagecraft's next engagement. "I have not spoken to the horse's connections yet, but I think he will stay a mile and a half. We will ride him differently and the ground is a proviso. He needs some cut."

Sanglamore is another possibility for the Ascot race and both Eddery and Charlton would also want to ensure Sanglamore can come late and fast over the stiff 12 furlongs.

Big-race details

Going: good

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Stagecraft b c Sadler's Wells - Bella Colora (Sheikh Mohammed) 4-9-7 S Cauthen (2-1 fav) 2.

Sanglamore ch c Sharpen Up - Ballinderry (K Abdulla) 4-9-7 Pat Eddery (7-2) 3.

ALSO RAN: 3 In The Groove (4th), Marju (6th), 14 Terimon (5th), 500 Green's Ferneley. 7 ran. Hd, 7l, nk, 2l, 10l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £28.70, £4.20, £1.70. DF: £57.90. CSF: £80.56. 2min 07.61sec.

Sprinters in spotlight

THE spotlight turns towards the July meeting at Newmarket this week with Thursday's group one Carroll Foundation July Cup the chief attraction (Richard Evans writes).

The race often provides the champion sprinter of the year and the prospect of Elbio, winner of the King's Stand Stakes, taking on Mystiko, the 2,000 Guineas victor, guarantees a fascinating contest.

Ladbrokes make the pair 5-2 joint-favourites with Guineas runner-up Lycius a 4-1 chance. Other prices: 11-2 Chicarica, 6-1 Polish Patriot, 14-1 bar.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

Sandown Park

2.15 1, Tik Fa (5-1); 2, Stinger (5-2 fav); 3, Lyn's Return (50-1). 7 ran. NR: White Blade.

2.50 1, Majestic Image (6-1); 2, Go South (25-1); 3, Double Dutch (15-2). Deposki 5-2 fav. 13 ran.

3.25 1, Casa Law (5-1 jt-fav); 2, Furajet (11-2); 3, Montendre (15-2). Vintage Only 5-1 jt-fav. 12 ran.

4.10 CORAL-ECLIPSE STAKES see facing page

4.45 1, Starlight Flyer (13-2); 2, Redden Burn (3-1 fav); 3, Dawn Success (33-1). 11 ran.

5.20 1, Absolution (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Frimley Parkson (9-2); 3, Loft Boy (5-1). Cantoris 4-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. NR: Ashtina.

5.50 1, Pharamineux (9-1); 2, Grey Power (14-1); 3, Witness Box (7-2). Halkopous 100-30 fav. 11 ran.

Haydock Park

2.05 1, Fishin' Tackle (5-2); 2, Rose Glen (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Light Hand (9-4 jt-fav). 11 ran

2.40 1, Storm Ring (2-1); 3, Cindora (12-1); 3, Soiree (11-10 fav). 4 ran. NR: Ace Reporter, Portite Jane.

3.10 1, Libk (5-1); 2, Hawait Al Barr (6-1); 3, Lift And Load (7-1). Goin And Growin 100-30 fav. 12 ran. NR: Local Derby.

3.45 1, Patricia (11-1); 2, La Sky (5-1); 3, Aushera (5-1). Mohican Girl 7-2 fav. 11 ran.

4.20 1, Ernestan (7-2); 2, Thousla Rock (7-1); 3, Tenacity (7-1). Prince Ferdinand 6-5 fav. 5 ran.

4.55 1, Jalmusique (9-2); 2, Sir Arthur Hobbs (25-1); 3, Lombard Ships (12-1). Kempinski 3-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Golden Ancona.

5.25 1, Dagon (8-1); 2, Linpac Light (16-1); 3, Winoski (11-2). Take Two, Modesto 3-1 jt-favs. 7 ran. NR: Thomas Leng.

Beverley

1.55 1, Between Two Fires (8-1); 2, Phil-Man (16-1); 3, Vital Voltage (14-1). Spray Of Orchids 11-4 fav. 18 ran.

2.30 1, She's Smart (3-1); 2, Simmie's Special (7-1); 3, Abu Haritah (9-4 fav). 8 ran.

3.00 1, Cool Parade (16-1); 2, Muwazi (6-4); 3, Tasman Oak (50-1). I'm Special 10-11 fav. 6 ran.

3.30 1, Self Expression (7-4 fav); 2, Croft Valley (14-1); 3, Langtry Lady (100-30). 6 ran.

4.00 1, Duggan (6-4 fav); 2, Oh Danny Boy (6-1); 3, Doctor's Remedy (20-1). 8 ran. NR: Guest Right.

4.30 1, Oriental Music (15-2); 2, Strimmer (9-2); 3, Call For Rooney (25-1). Sally Fay 2-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Florini, Just Run.

5.00 1, As Always (4-1); 2, Circuit Ring (11-10 fav); 3, Seldom In (12-1). 7 ran.

Bath

2.15 1, Mariecurie Express (10-1); 2, Nigals Friend (17-2); 3, Renta Kid (5-1). Mere Chants 5-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Flat Rate.

2.45 1, Play Games (11-4 fav); 2, Sea War (9-1); 3, Rimouski (11-2). 9 ran.

3.15 1, Moat Garden (7-2 fav); 2, Glow Of Summer (5-1); 3, Briggsmaid (6-1). 8 ran. NR: Port Sunlight.

3.45 1, Maggie Siddons (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Swift Romance (14-1); 3, Unveiled (10-1). Kestrel Forboxes 4-1 jt-fav. 11 ran.

4.15 1, Mamma's Too (11-4 fav); 2, Christian Warrior (9-2); 3, Sir Valid (100-30). 10 ran NR: Signore De Angles.

4.45 1, Strat's Legacy (16-1); 2, Mai Pen Rai (10-1); 3, Lady Bunting (50-1); 4, Old Comrades (25-1). Swift Stream 9-2 fav. 18 ran

Nottingham

6.15 1, May Square (16-1); 2, Kinlacey (14-1); 3, Petticoat Power (14-1); 4, Sky Cat (5-1). Golden Torque 3-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Highest Praise, Forge Bay, Singing Detective

6.45 1, Silver Rainbow (1-9 fav); 2, Seize The Day (16-1); 3, Access Supreme (12-1). 4 ran. NR: Gaby.

7.15 1, Sara Anne (5-2); 2, Ayr Head (3-1). 3, Ferholme Lads (13-8 fav). 6 ran.

7.45 1, Thatchenne (4-1); 2, Macs Maharanee (14-1); 3, Piquant (14-1). Dazzlingly Radiant 85-40 fav. 10 ran. NR: Top One

8.15 1, Chicmond (9-1), 2, Red Slippers (11-8 fav); 3, Daarie (6-1). 9 ran. NR: First Gold

8.45 1, Barbary Reef (33-1), 2, Sarah-Clare (5-1); 3, In The Mood (16-1). Final Offer 100-30 fav. 15 ran.

TABLE TENNIS

Prean fails to stop support for Ransome

ALAN Ransome took over as chairman of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) and also won a vote to increase the number of departments from seven to eight at the association's annual meeting on Saturday (Richard Eaton writes).

John Prean, the outgoing chairman who opposed the motion, becomes chairman of a trade committee set up to monitor Ransome's commercial interests.

Prean, involved in a remarkable financial transformation of the ETTA, campaigned against Ransome, claiming that his trade interests were incompatible with the highest office. But Ransome was elected with a substantial majority.

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FOOTBALL

Derby pair will head for Merseyside

DEAN Saunders and Mark Wright, the Derby County internationals whose futures have been the subject of speculation since the end of last season, will sign for Everton and Liverpool, respectively, within the next 48 hours (Ian Ross writes).

County have accepted Everton's bid of £2.8 million for Saunders and Liverpool's offer of £2.2 million for Wright. The transfer of Saunders will establish a British transfer record, surpassing the £2.3 million that Middlesborough received from Manchester United for Gary Pallister 20 months ago.

Both players are expected to travel to Merseyside this lunchtime to open negotiations about personal terms and to undergo statutory medical examinations.

Saunders's arrival at Goodison Park is likely to prompt the departure of at least two senior members of Everton's first-team squad. Graeme Sharp, the former Scottish international forward, is likely to join Blackburn Rovers, of the second division, for £550,000 later this week, and Mike Newell is considering a £1 million move to Wimbledon.

Sharp's move follows the decision of the Millwall forward, Teddy Sheringham, to turn down a £2 million transfer to Blackburn, a decision the manager of the club, Don Mackay, described as "amazing" yesterday.

"The personal terms we agreed were terrific, believe me," Mackay said. "Sheringham told me the reason for his decision was that he wanted first division football.

"I am absolutely amazed that he has refused a great offer from a fiercely ambitious club whose aim is to get into the top flight next season. To say I am disappointed is the understatement of the week."

☐ The irony of Aston Villa's first fixture of the Football League season will not be lost on Ron Atkinson.

Yesterday, Atkinson, the Villa manager, learned that he and his team will visit Sheffield Wednesday when the season starts on Saturday, August 17 — the same Sheffield Wednesday he guided to triumph in the Rumbelows Cup and to promotion to the first division last season.

Ever since Atkinson first rejected and then accepted and signed his lucrative four-year contract at Villa Park during the close season, Wednesday supporters have been awaiting news of his return to south Yorkshire. Nobody, however, expected it to take place just 71 days after leaving Hillsborough and the job Atkinson had called the best in football.

The fixture pitting Atkinson against his former club, now managed by one of his own signings, Trevor Francis, is the most outstanding of the first day, but the three clubs that rose to the first division alongside Wednesday have all found themselves with attractive-looking opening games. The second division champions, Oldham Athletic, are away to Liverpool for their first game in the top flight for 68 years, while the runners-up, West Ham United, have a home fixture with Luton Town, the side they trounced 5-0 in an FA Cup tie last season.

The play-off winners, Notts County, will challenge the new European Cup Winners' Cup holder, Manchester United, at Old Trafford while the League champions, Arsenal, are handed one of two London derbies, at home at Highbury to Queen's Park Rangers.

The two clubs relegated from the first division, Sunderland and Derby County, have an immediate reunion at Roker Park, while Newcastle United will be the first visitors to The Valley, following Charlton Athletic's return to their old ground after five years away.

The third division champions, Cambridge United, are on familiar territory away to Grimsby Town, who were promoted with them, while newcomers to the League, Barnet, start fourth-division life at home to Crewe Alexandra, who were relegated from the third division.

OPENING LEAGUE FIXTURES

FIRST DIVISION: Arsenal v Queen's Park Rangers, Chelsea v Wimbledon, Coventry City v Manchester City, Crystal Palace v Leeds United, Liverpool v Oldham Athletic, Manchester United v Notts County, Norwich City v Sheffield United, Nottingham Forest v Everton, Sheffield Wednesday v Aston Villa, Southampton v Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham United v Luton Town.

SECOND DIVISION: Blackburn Rovers v Portsmouth, Brighton v Tranmere Rovers, Bristol Rovers v Ipswich Town, Charlton Athletic v Newcastle United, Grimsby Town v Cambridge United, Middlesbrough v Millwall, Plymouth Argyle v Barnsley, Port Vale v Oxford United, Southend United v Bristol City, Sunderland v Derby County, Swindon Town v Leicester City, Watford v Wolverhampton Wanderers.

THIRD DIVISION: AFC Bournemouth v Darlington, Birmingham City v Bury, Bolton Wanderers v Huddersfield Town, Bradford City v Stoke City, Brentford v Leyton Orient, Chester City v Fulham, Peterborough United v Preston North End, Reading v Hull City, Shrewsbury Town v Wigan Athletic, Stockport County v Swansea City, Torquay United v Hartlepool United, West Bromwich Albion v Exeter City.

FOURTH DIVISION: Barnet v Crewe Alexandra, Blackpool v Walsall, Cardiff City v Lincoln City, Chesterfield v Maidstone United, Doncaster Rovers v Carlisle United, Gillingham v Scunthorpe United, Halifax Town v Northampton Town, Rochdale v York City, Rotherham United v Burnley, Scarborough v Mansfield Town, Wrexham v Hereford United.

GOLF

Woosnam issues warning

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, MONACO

IT WILL not have escaped the attention of Payne Stewart that the two tournaments in which he has played in Europe since winning the US Open have been won by Nick Faldo (the Irish Open) and Ian Woosnam, who triumphed in the Monte Carlo Open here on Saturday.

At Royal Birkdale next week, Stewart will be seeking to emulate Tom Watson, who won both the US Open and the British Open in 1982. He discovered in the winds and rain in Ireland, and the oppressive heat here, that Faldo and Woosnam are the ones whose games are honed for an Open Championship which promises to be as enthralling as any in recent years.

Woosnam had left Hazeltine, where Stewart was victorious, worried that he had lost his swing. He had done little more than mislay it, as he demonstrated with rounds of 67, 66, 61 and 67 for a total of 261, 15 under par.

"The US Open is my one bad week of the year so far and I put that down now to an ear infection which caused a sinus problem," Woosnam said. "My main motivation now is to win more major championships after my win in the Masters, so I'm pleased all is well with the Open so close."

Woosnam will first turn his attention to making a successful defence of the Bell's Scottish Open, which starts at the Gleneagles Hotel on Wednesday. His opponents will include all of Europe's leading golfers, but not Stewart. The American had long since planned a holiday in Scotland with family and friends.

Woosnam, who won by four strokes from Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden, earned £66,927, which increased his winnings this season in Europe to £193,016. The Welshman has automatically qualified to play in the Ryder Cup for a fifth successive time.

Forsbrand moved into tenth place in the Johnnie Walker Ryder Cup points list by winning the second prize of £44,618, which took his earnings to £110,925. He has a genuine chance of becoming the first Swedish golfer to play in the match.

FINAL SCORES FROM MONTE CARLO

(GB and Ire unless stated)

281: I Woosnam, 67, 66, 61, 67. 265: A Forsbrand (Swe), 72, 62, 65, 65. 266: V Singh (Fiji), 68, 69, 67, 62; M Lanner (Swe), 67, 67, 69, 63; P Mitchell, 67, 67, 65, 67; R Davis (Aus), 68, 62, 67, 69. 267: J Hawkes (SA), 66, 65, 71, 65; V Fernández (Arg), 71, 66, 63, 67. 268: D Williams, 67, 69, 65, 67; C Williams, 70, 68, 65, 67. 269: J van de Velde (Fr), 65, 69, 68, 67; J Rystrom (Swe), 68, 70, 65, 68; S Ballesteros (Sp), 62, 69, 69, 69; S Stephen, 65, 62, 71, 71. 270: P Stewart (US), 69, 68, 67, 66; P Curry, 65, 70, 68, 67; D Clarke, 67, 67, 66, 70.

271: M Moreno (Sp), 68, 65, 73, 65; N Hansen, 68, 69, 69, 65; E Romero (Arg), 71, 67, 67, 66; T Planchin (Fr), 69, 70, 66, 66; I Gervas (Sp), 64, 71, 67, 69; S Grappasonni (It), 68, 66, 67, 70; H Balocchi (SA), 63, 69, 68, 71. 272: J Bland (SA), 68, 69, 69, 66; P Senior (Aus), 71, 68, 66, 67; D Smyth, 66, 69, 69, 68; R Lee, 72, 65, 67, 68; J Rutledge (Can), 68, 70, 66, 68; M Sunesson (Swe), 63, 70, 69, 70. 273: P-U Johansson (Swe), 67, 72, 67, 67; T Giedeon (Ger), 65, 67, 72, 69; J Spence, 68, 68, 64, 73; J Rivero (Sp), 64, 67, 68, 74.

274: P Carrigill, 69, 66, 72, 67; D Ray, 69, 69, 68, 68; P Walton, 68, 71, 67, 68; P McWhinney (Aus), 67, 68, 69, 69; S Luna (Sp), 67, 68, 69, 70; R Stelten (US), 67, 69, 68, 70; R Boxall, 69, 70, 65, 71; B Langer (Ger), 70, 67, 66, 71; G Turner, 68, 66, 66, 74. 275: P Lonard (Aus), 67, 70, 72, 66; C Rocca (It), 70, 66, 72, 67; I Mosey, 70, 69, 69, 67; M Besanceney (Fr), 71, 68, 68, 68; M Fernández (Arg), 73, 66, 69, 68; F Regard (Fr), 72, 66, 65, 72; J Davila (Sp), 68, 70, 64, 73.

VOLVO EUROPEAN PGA TOUR ORDER OF MERIT (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), £206,415; 2, S Richardson, £201,158; 3, I Woosnam, £193,016; 4, E Romero (Arg), £170,776; 5, J-M Olazábal (Sp), £160,933; 6, C Montgomerie, £153,265; 7, S Torrance, £150,748; 8, V Singh (Fiji), £143,857; 9, D Feherty, £137,212; 10, E Darcy, £130,087; 11, C Parry (Aus), £129,177; 12, B Langer (Ger), £115,384; 13, A Forsbrand (Swe), £110,925; 14, A Johnstone (Zim), £106,275; 15, N Faldo, £102,310; 16, M McLean, £94,208; 17, M A Martin (Sp), £89,383; 18, C Rocca (It), £78,353; 19, P-U Johansson (Swe), £75,937; 20, M Lanner (Swe), £74,885.

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Kabcast ready to end losing run

THE return to form of the David Chapman-trained Chaplins Club, who won his first race for 25 months at Pontefract last Monday, indicates that Kabcast can also emerge from the wilderness for Chapman in the Rambling River Amateur Riders Handicap at Edinburgh this afternoon.

Last Monday, over today's course and distance, Kabcast showed that he is also returning to form when runner-up to Best Effort, whom he meets today on 7lb better terms for a two-length beating. Prior to that performance, the six-year-old had regularly disappointed since winning at Edinburgh in September.

Today, he will benefit from the competent handling of Elaine Bronson and is napped to initiate a double for the stable.

Chapman's decision to overlook the Craigmillar Selling Stakes at Edinburgh and run Chaplins Club in the Hermanns Poultry Handicap at Ripon's evening meeting should be justified.

After his return to form, Chaplins Club could only finish seventh of eight behind Gemini Fire at Haydock last Thursday when the firm ground may have brought about his downfall. Today, underfoot conditions should be more suitable.

The main danger is Ashdren. Before disappointing at Newcastle, where he finished tenth of 12 to Lucedeo after taking a heavy bump in the final furlong, he performed much better to be third to Gentle Hero at York.

MANDARIN

Mary Reveley's decision to run My Desire in the Plumb Center Stelrad Handicap only five days after her promising second behind Our Aisling at Catterick can pay off before the handicapper reassesses the filly.

Findlays Choice, who also makes a quick return to action after finishing second to Flourishing at Wolverhampton a week ago, can open her account in the BRS Maiden Auction Stakes at Leicester.

Red Rosein's success at Catterick last Friday enhances the chances of **Trainbleu** in the Burton Handicap. At Nottingham a fortnight ago, my selection was beaten three lengths when runner-up to Red Rosein in a competitive 19-runner handicap.

The in-form combination of Luca Cumani and Frankie Dettori can strike again with **Run Rings** in the Nuffield Orthotics Appeal Handicap where the top-weight should appreciate the considerable drop in class.

Last time out, at Royal Ascot, he clearly failed to stay 12 furlongs when fourteenth of 19 to Torchon in the King George V Handicap. Prior to that, he won an 11-furlong ladies' race very easily from Subtle Change at Lingfield.

Today, the danger would appear to be the Ian Balding-trained Milly Black, who was not unduly punished when runner-up to the useful Dale Hill Idea at Windsor.

Balding should be on the mark at Windsor's evening meeting with **Parisien Singer** in the EBF Truvox Maiden. The daughter of Chief Singer showed plenty of promise when fifth to Regal Scintilla at Salisbury.

Her running will provide a pointer to the chance of **Mexican Dancer**, who finished third in that Salisbury contest, in the Albert Fisher Stakes.

LEICESTER

MANDARIN
2.15 Sharp Imposter.
2.45 Petite-D-Argent.
3.15 Run Rings.
3.45 Findlays Choice.
4.15 Nao Faz Mal.
4.45 Muhtarram.
5.15 Lunar Lunacy.
5.45 Trainbleu.

THUNDERER
2.15 Sharp Imposter.
2.45 Petite-D-Argent.
3.15 Panic Rising.
3.45 LITTLE SABOTEUR (nap).
4.15 Digs.
4.45 Muhtarram.
5.15 Interrogate.
5.45 Young Shadowfax.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Findlays Choice.

GOING: GOOD | DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE | SIS

2.15 MOUNTSORREL STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,418: 1m 3f 183yd) (3 runners)

1	(3)	1-2	SHARP IMPOSTER 23 (C,BF,S) (Lord White of Hull) H Cecil 8-12	W Ryan	97
2	(2)	0-32822	LOFTY LADY 16 (F) (J Leat) B Hills 8-6	Pat Eddery	● 99
3	(1)	0	CHADWICK'S GINGER 63 (Paddocks Racing (Two)) K Bridgwater 8-2	A Tucker (5)	71

BETTING: 4-5 Sharp Imposter, Evens Lofty Lady, 33-1 Chadwick's Ginger.

1990: BONDSTONE 9-1 S Cauthen (4-5 fav) H Cecil 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHARP IMPOSTER, successful here last season when beating Melpomene, 2nd beaten 2l by Maamakiz (gave 3lb) in a 3-runner event at Lingfield (1m 3f, good). LOFTY LADY beaten a nk in a match by Ocean Air (gave 12lb) at Warwick (1m 4f, good to firm). CHADWICK'S GINGER 11th of 16 to Fly To The Moon (levels) at Warwick (1m, good to firm).
Selection: LOFTY LADY

2.45 SUTTON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,532: 5f 218yd) (11 runners)

1	(1)	00	CBS RANDOLPH 10 (Randolph House Ltd) I Campbell 8-11	D Biggs (5)	—
2	(4)	4020	NOBLE TENOR 25 (P Shorrock) R Stubbs 8-11	D Holland (3)	—
3	(11)	0	STORM RISK 16 (Foldvale Ltd) R Hannon 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
4	(6)	0	BALLYMUST 21 (B) (N Quesnel) J White 8-6	T Lang	—
5	(7)	0	BLUE CROSS 26 (Mrs R Lane) P Felgate 8-6	G Baxter	—
6	(9)	526	FACTUALLY 9 (B) (G Carroll) B Hanbury 8-6	Pat Eddery	● 99
7	(8)	6006	MISS DOODY 10 (V Herridge) M Channon 8-6	Paul Eddery	88
8	(3)	425	PETITE-D-ARGENT 16 (V,BF) (D Couper) J S Wilson 8-6	G Duffield	91
9	(10)	0	PRIDE OF PENDLE 19 (W Inison) P Calver 8-6	S Perks	—
10	(2)	00	PRINCESS ANNIE 33 (G Blum) G Blum 8-6	J Fortune	—
11	(5)	3003	SWANSIDE 4 (Sheriff Hutton Racing Club) M W Easterby 8-6	R Cochrane	82

BETTING: 2-1 Factually, 7-2 Petite-D-Argent, 6-1 Miss Doody, 7-1 Storm Risk, 8-1 Swanside, 14-1 others.

1990: CAL NORMA'S LADY 8-8 M Roberts (5-2 fav) J S Wilson 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

NOBLE TENOR last of 7 to She's Special (rec 11lb) at Hamilton (5f, good to soft). STORM RISK 7th of 8 beaten 14l by Midnight Violet (rec 5lb) at Warwick (6f, good to firm).
FACTUALLY 6th of 8 to Man of The Moment (gave 14lb) at Newcastle (6f, good to firm); earlier 2nd beaten ¾l by Phone Home (levels) at Chepstow (6f, good). MISS DOODY 7th beaten 8l by Changing Times (gave 5lb) at Goodwood (6f, soft). PETITE-D-ARGENT denied a clear run when 5th beaten 3l by Just Bob (levels) with SWANSIDE (rec 1lb) 8th of 13 at Redcar (5f, good); earlier 2nd beaten a sh hd by Lombard Queen (gave 5lb) at Haydock (6f, good to firm). SWANSIDE 3rd beaten 4l by Palacegate Gold (gave 5lb) at Catterick (6f, good to firm).
Selection: PETITE-D-ARGENT

3.15 NUFFIELD ORTHOTICS APPEAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,786: 1m 1f 218yd) (14 runners)

1	(8)	010	RUN RINGS 18 (F) (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 9-7	L Dettori	90
2	(14)	26-4053	DAHLAWISE 63 (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) W Haggas 9-5	N Day	93
3	(12)	5-325	SAFE ARRIVAL 16 (Mrs V Hue-Williams) M Stoute 9-3	W R Swinburn	92
4	(4)	20-32	MILLY BLACK 14 (Mrs S Page) I Balding 9-2	R Cochrane	95
5	(7)	1-346	MUNDAY DEAN 9 (G) (Mrs P Maxwell) M Prescott 9-2	G Duffield	90
6	(11)	3-05	HARRY'S LADY 30 (H Sibley) T Thomson Jones 9-0	S Whitworth	83
7	(5)	0-05	PANIC RISING 16 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-12	T Quinn	97
8	(10)	005	HIGH DEGREE 34 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	88
9	(13)	0-03541	EXECUTION ONLY 9 (V,G) (J Thompson) J Watts 8-11	Dean McKeown	93
10	(1)	606036	HOLD COURT 44 (G) (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-4	Pat Eddery	97
11	(2)	54243-0	COME HOME ALONE 14 (C Rogers) R Hannon 8-3	A McGlone	● 99
12	(9)	4454-06	GREENWICH BAMBI 11 (J Humphreys Ltd) W Carter 8-2	T Williams	95
13	(3)	00-0002	MOONJID 10 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-0	J Weaver (7)	95
14	(6)	060-60	JAWANI 14 (Mrs C Rhian Jones) J Scargill 7-12	S Crossley	95

BETTING: 4-1 Safe Arrival, 9-2 Run Rings, 5-1 Dahlawise, 6-1 Panic Rising, 7-1 Execution Only, 8-1 Come Home Alone, 10-1 Moonjid, 12-1 Hold Court, 16-1 others.

1990: SHARQUIN 7-9 T Williams (12-1) M Brittain 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

RUN RINGS 14th of 19 to Torchon (gave 9lb) at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good); earlier beat Subtle Change (gave 2lb) 3½l at Lingfield (1m 3f, good to firm). DAHLAWISE 3rd beaten 5½l by Possessive Dancer (gave 7lb), who has since won the Italian Oaks, at Kempton (1m 1f, good).
SAFE ARRIVAL 5th of 7 beaten under 10l by Royal Standard (gave 17lb) at Ayr (1m 5f, good). MILLY BLACK 2nd beaten 8l by the useful Dale Hill Idea (gave 13lb) at Windsor (1m 2f, good to soft). MUNDAY DEAN 6th beaten over 9¼l by Rise Up Singing (rec 11lb) at Newmarket (1m, good). EXECUTION ONLY beat Prince Rooney (gave 2lb) 2½l at Warwick (1m, good). MOONJID hd 2nd to Icanseeformiles (gave 10lb) at Lingfield (1m 2f, heavy).
Selection: DAHLAWISE

3.45 BRS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,003: 5f 218yd) (16 runners)

1	(4)	60	ALLEGRAMENTE 14 (Miss V Foster) P Tulk 8-4	G Duffield	—
2	(1)	0	MANSBER 14 (D Baldwin) Pat Mitchell 8-0	S O'Gorman (3)	—
3	(7)		LES JAZZ HOT (Mrs R Merchant) M Jarvis 8-13	B Raymond	—
4	(14)	0	STORMBUSTER 14 (Green Archer Racing Partnership) P Felgate 8-7	M Roberts	—
5	(8)		SALMON DANCER (A Cull) M Barraclough 8-5	W Ryan	—
6	(5)	2620	WILD HONOUR 2 (Mrs C Helm) W Muir 8-5	S Whitworth	93
7	(10)	0	SEA PRODIGY 12 (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 8-4	W Newnes	—
8	(3)		BLUE CENTURION (K Moustoukis) M Bell 8-3	R Hills	—
9	(12)	422	STAG NIGHT 16 (BF) (P Savill) C Tinkler 8-3	K Darley	98
10	(16)	06	MISSY-S 24 (Mrs S Goodman) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-2	C Rutter	84
11	(6)	6	DON'T WORRY 66 (Flint Cottage Stables) M Tompkins 8-0	Dale Gibson	74
12	(11)	4	LITTLE SABOTEUR 24 (Mrs W Blackwood) P Makin 8-0	W Carson	93
13	(13)	5R2	FINDLAYS CHOICE 7 (Mrs E Armstrong) M Ryan 7-12	G Bardwell	● 99
14	(15)	06	JULIA SABINA 23 (21st Century Racing) C C Elsey 7-12	R Fox	83
15	(2)	004	JUSTAMANDA 23 (Mrs S Herridge) W Holden 7-12	B Russell (7)	91
16	(9)		TISBUTASCRATCH (Mrs J Lenkshear) L Holt 7-12	N Adams	—

BETTING: 3-1 Findlays Choice, 7-2 Little Saboteur, 5-1 Stag Night, 6-1 Wild Honour, 8-1 Stormbuster, 12-1 others.

1990: PENNY MINT 7-13 R Hills (5-1) J Eustace 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

STORMBUSTER 7th of 11 to Stefano (gave 3lb) at Nottingham (6f, good). WILD HONOUR on penultimate outing was 2nd beaten 2½l by Sultry Singer (rec 5lb) with JUSTAMANDA (rec 10lb) 4th beaten 3l at Bath (5f, good).
STAG NIGHT 2nd beaten ¾l by Conned Again (gave 3lb) at Redcar (7f, good to firm). MISSY-S 6th beaten over 7½l by Orthorhombus (gave 11lb) with LITTLE SABOTEUR (levels) 4th beaten 5l at Sandown (5f, good). FINDLAYS CHOICE 2nd beaten 3l by Flourishing (levels) at Wolverhampton (7f, good to firm).
Selection: FINDLAYS CHOICE

4.15 MADAGANS CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,448: 1m 8yd) (11 runners)

1	(11)	530505	ABLE JET 14 (B,F,S) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 8-13	J Marshall (7)	90
2	(4)	000-505	BILLY LOMOND 7 (G Scudder) C Cyzer 8-11	T McLaughlin (7)	77
3	(8)	300-001	DIGS 9 (D,F,G) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid	● 99
4	(9)	00-000	FLOWER DANCER 9 (B) (K Theocharous) Miss A Whitfield 8-11	T Rogers	68
5	(3)	42	TOWER BRIDGE 12 (K Abdulla) R Smyth 8-11	Pat Eddery	87
6	(10)	640032	PRINCE ROONEY 9 (A Holdsworth) P Butler 8-9	G Baxter	87
7	(5)	01030-0	STATION EXPRESS 11 (F) (M Rowles) R Hollinshead 8-6	S Perks	89
8	(6)	0600-24	NAO FAZ MAL 17 (Mrs M Watt) John FitzGerald 8-4	N Day	92
9	(1)	5050-0	ATLANTIC WAY 23 (C Hill) C Hill 8-2	A Clark	—
10	(2)	0-0003	DAISY GREY 10 (B) (T Charlton) A Hide 7-13	B Doyle (5)	77
11	(7)	060-000	ZAXIS 9 (B) (J Phillips) D Arbuthnot 7-13	S Dawson	—

BETTING: 9-4 Digs, 3-1 Tower Bridge, 4-1 Nao Faz Mal, 7-1 Prince Rooney, 10-1 Station Express, 12-1 Daisy Grey, Billy Lomond, 14-1 others.

1990: KATAHDIN 8-0 N Hall (14-1) G Wragg 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

DIGS beat Rosietoes (gave 5lb) 1½l at Newmarket (1m, good). TOWER BRIDGE nk 2nd to Reed Bed (gave 1lb) at Salisbury (1m, good to soft).
PRINCE ROONEY 2nd beaten 2½l by Execution Only (rec 2lb) at Warwick (1m, good). NAO FAZ MAL 4th beaten 4l by Rose Glen (gave 8lb) at Redcar (1m 1f, good to firm). DAISY GREY showed much-improved form when 3rd of 20 beaten 1¾l by Kimberley Park (gave 23lb) at Doncaster (7f, good).
Selection: TOWER BRIDGE

4.45 WIGSTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,595: 7f 9yd) (11 runners)

1	(6)		AASFF (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
2	(11)		EARLY STAR (Exors of late N Phillips) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	—
3	(10)	0	INJAKA BOY 44 (C Salcombe) R Hannon 9-0	A McGlone	—
4	(1)	5	MAJAL 10 (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-0	Pat Eddery	● 99
5	(5)	0	MOGWAI 14 (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	J Reid	89
6	(4)		MUHTARRAM (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0	W Carson	—
7	(7)	0	MY SENOR 82 (Mrs J Ridgers) L Holt 9-0	G Baxter	—
8	(3)	5	NEWTON POINT 17 (A Ennever) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	G Duffield	96
9	(8)	0	SEA CROWN 25 (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 9-0	W Newnes	—
10	(2)	2	WALKING POSSESSION 93 (Madagans Plc) R Boss 9-0	L Dettori	92
11	(9)		BINDING CONTRACT (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9	Paul Eddery	—

BETTING: 9-4 Majal, 3-1 Muhtarram, 5-1 Binding Contract, 7-1 Walking Possession, 10-1 Early Star, 12-1 Injaka Boy, Aasff, 14-1 Mogwai, 16-1 others.

1990: RECALDE 8-11 G Carter (5-1) G Wragg 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAJAL 5th of 6 beaten 5l by Alhijaz (levels) at Newmarket (6f, good). MOGWAI 9th of 13 to Sandcastle City (levels) at Windsor (5f, good to soft). MUHTARRAM (foaled Feb 22) by Alleged out of Ballet de France, a winner over 6f-7f at two. NEWTON POINT stayed on well when 5th beaten 7l by Try To Be Good (levels) at Southwell (7f, standard). WALKING POSSESSION 2nd beaten beaten 5l by Macs Buckaroo (levels) at Lingfield (5f, standard). BINDING CONTRACT (foaled Jan 14) half-sister to winners in the States, dam won over 8f.
Selection: MAJAL

5.15 MADAGANS CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,448: 1m 8yd) (10 runners)

1	(4)	150-040	BEYOND OUR REACH 42 (F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 8-11	J Reid	98
2	(7)	404-500	SOMERSAULTING 46 (M Butler) A Davison 8-11	D Joyce (7)	92
3	(3)	1-60051	REED BED 12 (B,D,G,S) (C Harper) R Hannon 8-8	B Rouse	93
4	(1)	0	LUNAR LUNACY 26 (R Sangster) J Hills 8-6	R Hills	—
5	(10)	50-000	LIDANZIA 14 (J Brown) R Holder 8-4	N Adams	87
6	(9)	6	MORE DOMINION 9 (Mrs C Dartford) A Scott 8-4	D Holland (3)	—
7	(8)	0-	CURLILOCKS 261 (A Perry) Mrs B Waring 8-3	N Howe	—
8	(6)	60	SUNLEY SENSATION 12 (Sunley Holdings Plc) M Channon 8-3	G Duffield	—
9	(5)	5-250	INTERROGATE 58 (A Foustok) R Boss 8-2	M Roberts	● 99
10	(2)	82-0434	CDO 8 (Miss Z Whitmore) A Lee 8-1	J Quinn	86

BETTING: 9-4 Reed Bed, 5-2 Interrogate, 4-1 More Dominion, 8-1 Beyond Our Reach, 7-1 Cdd, 10-1 Lunar Lunacy, 14-1 Lidanzia, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

REED BED (gave 1lb) beat Tower Bridge (rec 1lb) nk at Salisbury (1m, good to soft). LUNAR LUNACY last of 14 to Pipsqueak (levels) at Kempton (7f, good to soft). MORE DOMINION 6th beaten 8¾l by Digs (gave 12lb) with CDO (rec 1lb) 4th beaten 4½l at Newmarket (1m, good). INTERROGATE on debut 2nd beaten ¾l by Clipping (levels) at Warwick (1m, good to firm).
Selection: REED BED

5.45 BURTON HANDICAP (£3,003: 5f 2yd) (14 runners)

1	(4)	400333	NO QUARTER GIVEN 4 (CD,F,G,S) (P Felgate) P Felgate 6-9-12	M Roberts	95
2	(1)	521208	SALLY'S SON 34 (V,D,F) (W O'Gorman) W O'Gorman 5-9-10	Emma O'Gorman (5)	● 99
3	(14)	004465	YOUNG SHADOWFAX 2 (V,F) (A Irish) C Allen 4-9-1	A Tucker (5)	97
4	(2)	2060	KING DUNCAN 3 (B) (J Brown) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-12	J Marshall (7)	95
5	(10)	261090	IRON KING 2 (V,C,D,F,G) (T Coleman) J Spearing 5-8-12	G Bardwell	92
6	(11)	000068	SAINT SYSTEMS 10 (D,F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 5-8-8	A Clark	—
7	(5)	0-00002	TRAINBLEU 14 (B,F) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-8	J Reid	95
8	(9)	203042	ARC LAMP 3 (B,D,G) (B Bruce) J Glover 5-8-0	P D'Arcy	98
9	(13)	063192	BARBEZIEUX 7 (CD,F,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-7-12	G Duffield	97
10	(8)	500801	MINIZEN MUSIC 11 (D,F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-7-12	S Maloney (5)	93
11	(6)	6000-08	VICTORIA PRINCESS 10 (N Chappell) C C Elsey 4-7-12	R Fox	97
12	(7)	000-000	NAZARE BLUE 6 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 4-7-11	N Howe	92
13	(12)	0300-34	FONTAINE LADY 9 (F) (Mrs C Humphrey) T Thomson Jones 4-7-10	A Mackay	94
14	(3)	5-0060	QUALITAIR REALITY 42 (N Jinks) M Barraclough 3-7-7	J Quinn	83

Long handicap: Qualitair Reality 7-4.

BETTING: 9-2 Barbezieux, 5-1 Trainbleu, 6-1 Minizen Music, 7-1 Iron King, 8-1 Young Shadowfax, Arc Lamp, 10-1 No Quarter Given, Sally's Son, 12-1 Fontaine Lady, Saint Systems, 14-1 others.

1990: NO QUARTER GIVEN 5-9-13 M Roberts (3-1 fav) P Felgate 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

NO QUARTER GIVEN 3rd beaten 2½l by Gemini Fire (gave 11lb) at Haydock (5f, good); earlier 3rd beaten 5½l by Dominuet (gave 3lb) with SAINT SYSTEMS (rec 19lb) 6th beaten 12½l at Bath (5f, good). SALLY'S SON 6th beaten 8½l by Annabelle Royale (gave 2lb) at Yarmouth (7f, firm).
IRON KING on penultimate was 3rd beaten over 1½l by Pettitesse (rec 8lb) with FONTAINE LADY (rec 11lb) 4th beaten over 2l at Warwick (5f, good). TRAINBLEU 2nd beaten 3l by Red Rosein (rec 7lb) at Nottingham (6f, good). ARC LAMP 2nd beaten ½l by Sobering Thoughts (rec 5lb) at Southwell (6f, standard). BARBEZIEUX 2nd beaten ¾l by Le Chic (gave 19lb) at Wolverhampton (6f, good to firm). MINIZEN MUSIC beat King Victor (gave 3lb) ½l at Carlisle (5f).
Selection: TRAINBLEU (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Gosden	10	31	32.3	W R Swinburn	26	137	19.0
H Cecil	23	76	30.3	Pat Eddery	23	127	18.1
M Stoute	25	95	26.3	R Cochrane	24	150	16.0
W O'Gorman	7	29	24.1	R Hills	15	97	15.5
R Smyth	3	13	23.1	K Darley	9	66	13.6
L Cumani	7	35	20.0	T Quinn	15	123	12.2

☐ Pat Eddery was out of luck on his two rides at Longchamp yesterday. Ecologist, trained by Andre Fabre, was sent off a warm favourite to complete a treble in the £30,550 group two Prix Hubert de Chaudenay but finished well beaten behind his stable companion, Justice, ridden by Thierry Jarnet. Eddery's other ride, Masterclass, found the race-fit Bistro Garden two lengths too good for him in the £12,220 listed Prix Saint-Patrick.

EDINBURGH

MANDARIN
2.00 KABCAST (nap).
2.30 Aberfoyle.
3.00 Primus.
3.30 Mindomica.
4.00 Niklas Angel.
4.30 Beaumood.

THUNDERER
2.00 Kabcast.
2.30 Aberfoyle.
3.00 Primus.
3.30 Kadari.
4.00 Niklas Angel.
4.30 Asturias.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Primus.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 QUINTESSENTIAL.

GOING: GOOD | DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST | SIS

2.00 RAMBLING RIVER HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,499: 5f) (10 runners)

1	(9)	/40/0	NEW BEGINNING 26 (F,G) (Mrs D Currie) J Haldane 8-11-7	A Robson	—
2	(1)	550-065	AYR RAIDER 7 (B,F) (P Orr) J S Wilson 4-11-0	Linda Perratt	96
3	(7)	550662	KABCAST 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Marshall) D Chapman 6-10-4	Elaine Bronson	97
4	(6)	206000-	PETITE MELUSINE 221 (W Wright) R Thompson 3-10-3	Helen Carrington (5)	95
5	(3)	0-40451	BEST EFFORT 7 (CD,S) (R Miquel) M Naughton 5-10-3 (7ex)	Anthea Farrell	96
6	(2)	002033-	BANTEL BAMBINA 294 (B Brandon) R Allan 3-9-13	Lisa Eaton	97
7	(4)	222052	JIVE MUSIC 4 (B,D,G) (N Bycroft) N Bycroft 5-9-9	Amanda Bycroft (5)	95
8	(8)	453056	THE RIGHT TIME 16 (B,F,S) (J Myers) J Parkes 6-9-4	Sharron Murgatroyd	● 99
9	(5)	3300/0	LYNDISCHARM 60 (Mrs S Alston) E Alston 6-9-0	R Wilkinson (5)	—
10	(10)	6000-06	MINSK 21 (Mrs J McFadyen-Murray) J Kinane 5-9-0	Claire Entwistle (5)	98

Long handicap: Lyndischarm 8-8, Minsk 7-11.

BETTING: 6-4 Best Effort, 100-30 Kabcast, 9-2 The Right Time, 7-1 Ayr Raider, 8-1 Jive Music, 14-1 others.

1990: MISS ABOYNE 5-10-4 I Davies (12-1) J S Wilson 9 ran

2.30 HOLYROOD MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,280: 1m 7f) (6 runners)

1	(1)	0004-52	ABERFOYLE 14 (BF) (Rosico Ltd) M Tompkins 8-8	C Hodgson (5)	● 99
2	(5)		MEADOW CHANT (Mrs S Hartley) M Avison 8-4	L Charnock	—
3	(4)	00-3600	MISTY NIGHT 7 (Matcheam Ltd) P Montieth 8-0	P Hutton (5)	94
4	(2)	006-0	MANGROVE MIST 31 (W Sturt) M Prescott 7-12	J Lowe	92
5	(6)	0-500	BONNY'S GAME 59 (Mrs M Butler) C W Elsey 7-11	N Kennedy (5)	92
6	(3)	0-00280	COIR 'A' GHAILL 7 (B) (Mrs M Urquhart) C Booth 7-11	Paul Burke	92

BETTING: 8-11 Aberfoyle, 5-1 Misty Night, 6-1 Coir 'a' Ghaill, 8-1 Meadow Chant, 12-1 others.

1990: BLUE VERYAN 8-9 N Day (5-6 fav) W Haggas 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Tompkins	6	16	37.5	J Carroll	16	103	15.5
M Camacho	7	20	35.0	K Fallon	15	110	13.6
M Prescott	25	79	31.6	N Connorton	14	108	13.0
J Berry	24	112	21.4	G Hind	7	54	13.0
M Naughton	10	60	16.7	C Hodgson	3	23	13.0
C Tinkler	6	37	16.2	(Only qualifiers)			

3.00 EBF EVEREST MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,382: 5f) (5 runners)

1	(4)	0	CAPITAL LAD 20 (G Singleton) M Avison 9-0	J Lowe	—
2	(1)	332	PRIMUS 18 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 9-0	G Carter	97
3	(2)	0030	ANGELS ANSWER 9 (Miss E Joyce) Mrs J Jordan 8-9	S Wood (3)	95
4	(3)	032452	ANNA MANANA 7 (V) (Mrs M Russell) W Pearce 8-9	D Nicholls	92
5	(5)	3	ROSE OF EIRE 16 (R Sangster) J Berry 8-9	J Carroll	● 99

BETTING: 5-4 Rose Of Eire, 2-1 Primus, 5-2 Anna Manana, 14-1 Angels Answer, 20-1 Capital Lad.

1990: SIR HARRY HARDMAN 9-0 D McKeown (5-4 fav) F Lee 7 ran

3.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £2,469: 7f) (4 runners)

1	(3)	0	CARLTON APPOINTED 16 (Carlton Appointments Ltd) Denys Smith 8-6	L Charnock	—
2	(2)	22	MINDOMICA 10 (BF) (J Ratcliffe) M Bell 8-4	M Hills	● 99
3	(1)		SHADAYLOU (G Murray) Mrs J Jordan 8-3	S Wood (3)	—
4	(4)	062	KADARI 7 (J Rookes) A Harrison 8-2	K Fallon	98

BETTING: Evens Mindomica, 11-8 Kadari, 5-1 Carlton Appointed, 12-1 Shadaylou.

1990: MELTING TEARS 7-8 P Burke (16-1) J S Wilson 6 ran

4.00 CRAIGMILLAR SELLING STAKES (£2,574: 7f) (9 runners)

1	(1)	136162	NIKLAS ANGEL 7 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (Winning Post Ltd) M Tompkins 5-9-5	C Hodgson (5)	87
2	(2)	004022	YOUNG COMMANDER 7 (V,C,F,G) (Bedlington Racegoers) M Naughton 7-9-0	G Hind	86
3	(8)	0-41623	PREMIER CHOICE 17 (D,F) (JBS Mailing Services Ltd) W Pearce 3-8-11	D Nicholls	83
4	(7)	000625	HINARI HI FI 12 (F,G) (J Abbey) W Haigh 6-8-9	M Hills	90
5	(6)	380526	MARCHING STAR 35 (S) (J Haldane) J Haldane 5-8-9	L Charnock	74
6	(4)	06-0056	MORCINDA 7 (Mrs M Montieth) P Montieth 5-8-9	P Hutton (5)	88
7	(3)	0-06200	FOURSINGH 9 (B,F) (Four Racing) J Berry 3-8-6	J Carroll	91
8	(5)	600-606	MISS HOSTESS 21 (B) (Mrs J McFadyen-Murray) J Kinane 4-8-4	S Wood (3)	—
9	(9)	023-42	QUINTESSENTIAL 11 (V,BF) (Lord Fairhaven) M Prescott 3-8-1	J Lowe	● 99

BETTING: 15-8 Quintessential, 5-1 Young Commander, 11-2 Niklas Angel, 8-1 Foursingh, 10-1 Hinari Hi Fi, Morcinda, 12-1 Premier Choice, 16-1 Marching Star, 33-1 Miss Hostess.

1990: SUPER BENZ 4-9-0 M Birch (4-1) M H Easterby 10 ran

4.30 CRAMOND HANDICAP (£3,260: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

1	(8)	391355	CAREFREE TIMES 7 (CD,F,G) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-10-0	N Connorton	94
2	(4)	15-2P00	COSMO 103 (B,D,G) (R Sansom) P Blockley 4-9-13	D Nicholls	● 99
3	(5)	063/4-44	K-BRIGADE 10 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 6-9-1	K Fallon	88
4	(2)	505-	DANCING NORTH 354 (R Gibbons) R Allan 6-8-10	S Webster	93
5	(1)	006203	BEAUMOOD 14 (V,D,F,S) (T Hainsworth) C Tinkler 5-8-9	Paul Burke	97
6	(3)	320400	GLASTONDALE 4 (CD,F,G) (J Baggott) T Barron 5-8-7	Alex Greaves	97
7	(6)	0/32040	ASTURIAS 19 (S) (Mrs A Dawson) A Stringer 8-8-4	G Carter	98
8	(7)	0/00/5-0	J-TEC BOY 25 (J Cringan) J Kinane 5-7-7	S Wood (3)	—

Long handicap: J-Tec Boy 6-11

BETTING: 9-4 Carefree Times, 5-2 Beaumood, 7-2 K-Brigade, 7-1 Glastondale, 12-1 Asturias, Cosmo, 16-1 Dancing North, 33-1 J-Tec Boy.

1990: GLASTONDALE 4-8-1 Alex Greaves (8-1) T Barron 10 ran

WINDSOR

MANDARIN
6.35 Green's Bonheur. 7.00 Parisien Singer. 7.25 Sudeley. 7.55 Mexican Dancer. 8.25 Glassblower. 8.55 Adversary.

THUNDERER
6.35 Scented Goddess. 7.00 Rose Revived. 7.25 Sudeley. 7.55 The Green Boys. 8.25 Charmed Knave. 8.55 Adversary.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.35 SUNLEY APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,955: 6f) (25 runners)

1	60-0	EBONY ENTERTAINER 100 S Dow 9-7	M Jermy 12
2	0000	TOLEDO BAY 7 (B,C,F) R Hannon 9-1	Mark Denaro 18
3	0010	SCARLET PRINCESS 9 (D,BF,S) R Hodges 9-0	S Drowne 7
4	0600	KREISCHIM 7 M Madgwick 9-0	G McGrath 1
5	2306	GREEN'S BONHEUR 24 (B) P Cole 8-13	A Simpson 22
6	0060	SCENTED GODDESS 7 (F) J Moore 8-12	— 6
7	0-60	SUNBURST PRINCESS 7 J Banks 8-12	J Swinnerton (5) 4
8	50-0	TENDER KISS 184 P Bennett 8-12	— 21
9	-405	RED POPPY 4 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	Karen Cogley (5) 16
10	5000	PLEASE PLEASE ME 34 K Cunningham-Brown 8-10	M R Hunt 10
11	6000	BUD'S BET 7 L Holt 8-9	C Avery 14
12	0000	CALIBAIRN 6 E Wheeler 8-9	B Thomas 17
13	00-0	LONGWOOD LEGEND 5 Pat Mitchell 8-6	Gary Foster (5) 24
14	0060	DULCIMAL 9 M Chapman 8-6	Mick Denaro 20
15	0-00	KELLY'S KITE 39 H Collingridge 8-5	C Hawksley (5) 3
16	0-50	LUCAYA 9 B Gubby 8-5	S Mulvey (5) 11
17	0000	THE NOBLE OAK 9 (B) M McCormack 8-4	Gina Faulkner (5) 8
18	0006	SAM SPADE 4 K Ivory 8-4	C Scally 2
19	0060	TR TOTO 10 C Horgan 8-3	D Fifield (5) 8
20	0-00	FOO FOO 12 D Marks 8-1	Antoinette Armes 13
21	-000	NORTHERN GALLERY 34 Mrs L Piggott 8-0	G Milligan 23
22	0503	MISS BURFIELD 12 (B) R Hannon 8-0	D Gibbs 5
23	0-00	MINDY 17 (B) N Callaghan 7-11	A Martinez 19
24	000-	MALSMAN 252 P Butler 7-7	P Turner 25
25	0000	TRUE TO KEEP 12 J Bethell 7-7	K Dovey (5) 15

5-1 Green's Bonheur, 6-1 Scarlet Princess, 7-1 Miss Burfield, 8-1 Red Poppy, 10-1 Toledo Bay, Scented Goddess, 12-1 others.

7.00 EBF TRUVOX MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,716: 5f) (12)

1		CHEQUERS R Williams 9-0	— 4
2		COURT MINSTREL L Holt 9-0	N Adams 3
3	0	HIGH COST 14 H Candy 9-0	C Rutter 9
4		SOVEREIGN ROCK R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery 12
5	00	SURE SHOT NORMAN 14 J Sutcliffe 9-0	M Wigham 5
6		BOSCHERE M Channon 8-9	J Fortune 11
7		INUGO C Allen 8-9	Mick Denaro (7) 10
8	5	PARISIEN SINGER 12 I Balding 8-9	R Cochrane 8
9		PEGGY MAINWARING R Holder 8-9	J Williams 1
10		ROSE REVIVED M Stoute 8-9	W R Swinburn 6
11	0	VERY GOOD 28 P Howling 8-9	T Williams 2
12	4	VIVID CONCERT 9 W Jarvis 8-9	M Tebbutt 7

7-4 Rose Revived, 7-2 Parisien Singer, 9-2 Sovereign Rock, 6-1 Vivid Concert, 8-1 High Cost, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 6 winners from 28 runners, 21.4%; M Stoute, 9 from 44, 20.5%, C Nelson, 6 from 31, 19.4%; N Callaghan, 8 from 47, 17.0%, P Cole, 14 from 87, 16.1%; D Laing, 3 from 21, 14.3%

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 50 winners from 215 rides, 23.3%; Ron Hillis, 3 from 17, 17.6%, W R Swinburn, 14 from 93, 15.1%, J Reid, 16 from 130, 12.3%, T Quinn, 17 from 141, 12.1%; W Carson, 18 from 160, 11.3%.

7.25 PEASE POTTAGE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,122: 1m 3f 150yd) (13)

1	4696	PORT SUNLIGHT 18 (B) R Hannon 9-7	R Perham (5) 4
2	0343	DIAMOND CUT 21 M Moubarak 9-1	T Quinn 3
3	050	SHAFFAAF 19 A Scott 9-0	W Carson 11
4	061	SUDELEY 16 (D,G) R Charlton 8-13	Pat Eddery 9
5	3-34	MAJED 16 N Callaghan 8-11	— 12
6	0340	LARA'S BABY 39 R Akehurst 8-10	Ron Hills (3) 8
7	35-0	SOMEONE BRAVE 25 C Horgan 8-9	W R Swinburn 6
8	0100	SCENIC DANCER 18 (G) A Hide 8-9	R Cochrane 5
9	3502	BEE BEAT 21 E Wheeler 8-5	M Wigham 1
10	023	AUCELOUN 10 R Johnson Houghton 8-6	J Reid 10
11	-005	SEARCHING STAR 17 P Walwyn 8-1	A Munro 13
12	0334	MAMALAMA 24 L Holt 8-1	N Adams 7
13	4062	BRORA ROSE 14 (B) J Bethell 7-9	Dale Gibson 2

4-1 Sudeley, 5-1 Brora Rose, 6-1 Scenic Dancer, 7-1 Bee Beat, 8-1 Port Sunlight, 10-1 Shaffaaf, Diamond Cut, 12-1 others.

7.55 ALBERT FISHER STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,941: 6f) (9)

1	130	MASTER PLANNER 20 (D,F) C Cyzer 9-4	T Quinn 3
2		FAMOUS LAST WORDS J Scargill 8-11	A Munro 8
3		MAESTROSO R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid 4
4	024	MISTER BANDIT 60 (BF) N Callaghan 8-11	B Rouse 5
5		SILENT RESPECT R Hannon 8-11	W Carson 1
6		STOPHER J Fanshawe 8-11	W R Swinburn 6
7	23	THE GREEN BOYS 12 (BF) R Akehurst 8-11	Pat Eddery 9
8		DEBORAH SHELLEY E Wheeler 8-6	S Dawson 2
9	3	MEXICAN DANCER 12 R Holder 8-6	J Williams 7

5-2 The Green Boys, 3-1 Silent Respect, 4-1 Mexican Dancer, 6-1 Stopher, 8-1 Master Planner, 10-1 Mister Bandit, 12-1 others.

8.25 GEORGE A MOORE FOUNDATION HANDICAP (£3,045: 1m 70yd) (14)

1	0032	AKIMBO 14 (D,F,G) C Nelson 4-10-0	D Thompson (7) 6
2	0-44	SAYMORE 23 (D,F,S) C Brooks 5-9-11	R Perham (5) 7
3	2010	GLASSBLOWER 31 (F) R Akehurst 4-8-7	Ron Hills (5) 8
4	52-0	TURBOFAN 63 J Hills 3-9-0	M Hills 6
5	3215	FOOLISH TOUCH 19 (V,D,F,G,S) W Musson 9-9-0	M Wigham 3
6	10-0	PET SHOP BOY 12 (G) T Thomson Jones 3-8-12	W R Swinburn 1
7	4040	HURRICANE POWER 16 (B,G) J Bethell 4-8-7	A Munro 10
8	5004	ALNASRIC PETE 16 (D,F) D Wilson 5-8-7	B Rouse 2
9	3010	BEAU DADA 46 (CD,F,G) J White 3-8-7	J Williams 12
10	3002	PIMSBOY 7 (V,F) P Blockley 4-7-12	J Quinn 9
11	3212	CHARMED KNAVE 9 (D,BF,F,G) D Laing 6-7-11	T Williams 4
12	0006	GAELIC DANCER 7 L Codd 4-7-11	R Fox 11
13	0622	SERGEANT MERYLL 6 (CD,G,S) P Howling 7-7-7	N Adams 14
14	05-0	EAST SUNRISE 77 (B) B Gubby 3-7-7	D Harrison (7) 13

4-1 Charmed Knave, 5-1 Glassblower, 6-1 Saymore, 7-1 Foolish Touch, 8-1 Turbofan, 10-1 Akimbo, 12-1 Pimsboy, 14-1 others.

8.55 HERBERT AND PETER BLAGRAVE MEMORIAL STAKES (£3,148: 1m 2f 22yd) (6)

1	260-	ALICANTE 224 J P Blockley 4-9-4	J Quinn 2
2	00-0	ALBURY GREY 10 R Curtis 4-8-13	A Martinez (7) 4
3	0	PICASONG 13 R Curtis 4-8-13	B Rouse 6
4	120	ADVERSARY 18 (CD,BF,G) G Harwood 3-8-7	Pat Eddery 1
5		BENGAL TIGER J Sutcliffe 3-8-7	M Wigham 3
6	1	JENDEE 145 P Cole 3-8-7	A Munro 5

4-6 Adversary, 11-8 Jendee, 16-1 Alicante, 50-1 others.

Blinkered first time

LEICESTER: 2.45 Ballymust, Factually, Petite-De-Argent. 4.15 Flower Dancer, Zaxis. 5.45 Arc Lamp. EDINBURGH: 3.00 Anna Manana. RIPON: 7.30 Derring Pet, Cascade, Jarrwah, Meallwasha, No Hard Feelings, Spark Of Persia. 8.30 Bollin Magdalene. WINDSOR: 6.35 Green's Bonheur, Miss Burfield. 8.25 Hurricane Power, East Sunrise.

☐ Jimmy Quinn rode his first treble, at odds of 111½-1, on Between Two Fires, Duggan and As Always at Beverley on Saturday.

RIPON

MANDARIN
7.05 Oh Mercy. 7.30 Jarrwah. 8.00 Chaplins Club. 8.30 My Desire. 9.00 Absent Lyric. 9.25 Cool Enough.

THUNDERER
7.05 Oh Mercy. 7.30 Jarrwah. 8.00 Chaplins Club. 8.30 My Desire. 9.00 Hoon King. 9.25 Gant Bleu.

Michael Seely: 7.05 Legal View. 7.30 No Hard Feelings. 8.30 FLEUR D'ETE (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.05 LEGAL VIEW (nap).

GOING: GOOD | DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

7.05 PLUMB CENTER IDEAL STANDARD MAIDEN STAKES (£2,346: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

1	/0	NOBBY CLARK 2 G Oldroyd 5-9-6	B McGill 9
2	3	BE VISIBLE 17 M Johnston 3-8-10	R P Elliott 6
3	0	GASCOIGNE WOOD 16 Miss S Hall 3-8-10	Dean McKeown 8
4	0-2	LEGAL VIEW 13 L Cumani 3-8-10	L Dettori 1
5		ROBINS FIND Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-10	B Raymond 4
6	0	SECRET MYTH 6 F Lee 3-8-10	S Perks 3
7		MORE GLITTERS M Moubarak 3-8-5	A Cruz 5
8		NORDAN RAIDER M Camacho 3-8-5	S Morris 10
9	5-25	OH MERCY 31 (BF) H Cecil 3-8-5	W Ryan 7
10	4	STRAW BABY 17 R Whitaker 3-8-5	A Culhane 11
11	0	ZABELINA 44 M Stoute 3-8-5	M Birch 2

7-4 Oh Mercy, 11-4 Legal View, 9-2 Zabelina, 8-1 More Glitters, 20-1 others.

7.30 ST MARYGATE SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,630: 1m 2f) (19)

1	5600	DERRING PET 65 (B) J Parkes 9-0	N Carlisle 3
2	0205	DOIRE 17 T Fairhurst 9-0	J Fanning (5) 10
3	00	DONS-BEST-BOY 14 J Pearce 9-0	N Day 9
4	4050	FRANSYLCO 12 J Etherington 9-0	L Dettori 18
5	0000	FRIDAY FOURBALL 3 E Weymes 9-0	— 7
6	0-	GO GOTT 382 R Bastiman 9-0	H Bastiman (7) 16
7	06	GREEN'S THORBURN 26 W Jarvis 9-0	W Ryan 6
8	00-0	LIFETIMES AMBITION 89 E Alston 9-0	K Fallon 8
9	-000	LUKE'S BRAVE BOY 27 A Hide 9-0	Paul Eddery 4
10	6553	PHALAROPE 3 (BF) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch 12
11	0620	PREMIER ROYALE 16 W Pearce 9-0	D Nicholls 15
12	-000	CASCADE 13 (B) D Morley 8-9	Dean McKeown 1
13	0-40	JARRWAH 10 (B) B Hanbury 8-9	B Raymond 11
14	0080	JENPAT 4 Don Enrico Incisa 8-9	Kim Tinkler 17
15	600	LOVES REVENGE 28 R Whitaker 8-9	A Culhane 19
16	-330	MEALLWASHA 6 (B,BF) J Fanshawe 8-9	P Hutton (5) 13
17	0000	MY TURN NEXT 27 R Hollinshead 8-9	S Perks 5
18	0000	NO HARD FEELINGS 9 (V,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-9	K Darley 2
19	0045	SPARK OF PERSIA 7 (B) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	S Whitworth 14

11-4 Jarrwah, 7-1 Meallwasha, 8-1 Cascade, Doire, Premier Royale, 10-1 Lifetimes Ambition, 14-1 Phalarope, 16-1 others.

8.00 HERMANNS POULTRY HANDICAP (£3,850: 6f) (9)

1	110-	FASCINATION WALTZ 306 (CD,F) J Mackie 4-9-13	B Raymond 2
2	6630	ASHDREN 10 (V,D,G,S) A Harrison 4-9-12	K Fallon 6
3	1150	WELSH SECRET 31 (D,F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-6	Dean McKeown 8
4	20-0	HALEIM 11 (D,G) J Scargill 4-9-5	W Ryan 5
5	-340	NORFOLKIEV 12 (D,G) M Moubarak 5-9-0	A Cruz 3
6	0223	STACK ROCK 6 E Alston 4-8-12	L Dettori 1
7	0420	DRUM SERGEANT 19 J Parkes 4-8-1	N Carlisle 7
8	0010	CHAPLINS CLUB 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 11-8-0 (7ex)	K Darley 9
9	2210	FILICAIA 19 (CD,F,G) Don Enrico Incisa 5-7-10	Kim Tinkler 4

4-1 Welsh Secret, 9-2 Chaplins Club, 5-1 Ashdren, 6-1 Norfolkiev, 8-1 Stack Rock, 10-1 Haleim, 12-1 Drum Sergeant, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 17 winners from 36 runners, 47.2%; J Pearce, 4 from 10, 40.0%; W Jarvis, 4 from 14, 28.6%; M Stoute, 9 from 33, 27.3%; M Moubarak, 4 from 15, 26.7%; L Cumani, 8 from 32, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: G Baxter, 8 winners from 26 rides, 30.8%; L Dettori, 5 from 24, 20.8%; W Ryan, 12 from 58, 20.7%; Paul Eddery, 9 from 52, 17.3%; M Birch, 27 from 189, 14.3%; K Darley, 19 from 153, 12.4%.

8.30 PLUMB CENTER STELRAD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,366: 1m 4f 60yd) (17)

1	054	MOUNTAIN HARVEST 34 M Moubarak 9-7	A Cruz 15
2	5422	J P MORGAN 9 M Naughton 9-4	G Hind 7
3	025	ALKABAR 17 Miss L Siddall 9-2	J Fanning (5) 4
4	5100	IN TRUTH 31 (D,F,S) R Earnshaw 9-2	Paul Eddery 2
5	-055	FAST-TALKIN TINKER 9 G Richards 9-0	G Baxter 1
6	3232	SMILES AHEAD 5 (G) J Hetherton 8-12	W Newnes 5
7	0000	SHOOFE 18 D Morley 8-11	L Dettori 14
8	0-00	BARICHSTE 27 B McMahon 8-4	W Ryan 8
9	060	FLEUR D'ETE 9 J Watts 8-4	Dean McKeown 9
10	-635	TALISH 33 (BF) C Brittain 8-4	M Birch 13
11	-260	SARSTA GRAI 48 R Earnshaw 8-4	A Culhane 3
12	5033	TOUCHING TIMES 9 (D,S) M Brittain 8-4	S Maloney (5) 10
13	0000	HUBBERS FAVOURITE 14 E Eldin 8-3	A Mackay 11
14	00-2	MY DESIRE 5 Mrs G Reveley 8-3	J Lowe 12
15	0-00	BOLLIN MAGDALENE 14 (V) M H Easterby 8-1	K Darley 17
16	0000	BOLGHERI 27 Don Enrico Incisa 7-7	Kim Tinkler 6
17	000	SMART ENDEAVOR 31 A Hide 7-7	N Carlisle 16

5-1 Touching Times, 11-2 J P Morgan, 6-1 My Desire, 7-1 Bollin Magdalene, 8-1 Fast-Talkin Tinker, Mountain Harvest, 12-1 others.

9.00 EBF SINGER & FRIEDLANDER 30th ANNIVERSARY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,467: 6f) (13)

1		ALTO Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0	M Wood 2
2		COLWAY BOLD J Watts 9-0	Dean McKeown 5
3		CONISTON LAKE Denys Smith 9-0	L Charnock 12
4		CREPT OUT Miss S Hall 9-0	S Webster 11
5	0	HEART FLUTTER 9 J Hetherton 9-0	J Lowe 1
6	3	HOON KING 14 Mrs J Cecil 9-0	Paul Eddery 7
7		LATIN LIMBO M Camacho 9-0	K Darley 10
8	0506	LIFT BOY 10 (V) Denys Smith 9-0	J Bleasdale 13
9		RHYTHMIC ECHO J Berry 9-0	J Carroll 9
10	4	ABSENT LYRIC 18 T Barron 8-9	Alex Greaves 8
11	3	ALL THE GIRLS 9 M Johnston 8-9	R P Elliott 3
12		PENNY ORCHID W Pearce 8-9	D Nicholls 6
13		SHIRLEY BROOK M Camacho 8-9	N Connorton 4

11-4 All The Girls, 4-1 Rhythmic Echo, 9-2 Absent Lyric, 8-1 Colway Bold, 10-1 Latin Limbo, 12-1 others.

9.25 MARLEY PLUMB CENTER HANDICAP (£2,630: 1m) (14)

1	0035	LAIRD OF BALMORAL 18 (D,S) M H Easterby 4-10-0	M Birch 7
2	3215	GANT BLEU 32 (CD,F) R Whitaker 4-9-4	A Culhane 3
3	0050	FINAL ACE 20 (F) J Etherington 4-9-2	L Dettori 11
4	5030	CHARLAFRIVOLA 23 F Lee 3-8-13	S Perks 10
5	-044	BATTLE OF FLOWERS 30 (BF) C Wall 4-8-12	A Cruz 1
6	1000	COOL ENOUGH 9 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 10-8-5	Dean McKeown 12
7	0000	MUTHAIGA 9 (G) N Tinkler 5-8-4	Kim Tinkler 2
8	4005	CHANNON HILL 14 R Hollinshead 3-8-4	M Humphries (7) 9
9	0-00	TARDA 45 Mrs G Reveley 4-8-4	J Lowe 5
10	0236	LUKS AKURA 6 (V,CD,F) M Johnston 3-8-3	R P Elliott 14
11	0000	SI SAWAT 16 (D,F) M Avison 4-8-2	N Kennedy (5) 6
12	5456	GOLDEN BEAU 7 (V,D,F,G,S) A Harrison 9-7-8	L Charnock 4
13	0-00	SINGING DETECTIVE 3 M Brittain 4-7-7	S Maloney (5) 8
14	0006	BEST EMPEROR 6 K Morgan 5-7-7	— 13

9-2 Battle Of Flowers, 5-1 Cool Enough, 7-1 Tarda, 8-1 Laird Of Balmoral, 8-1 Channon Hill, Golden Beau, 10-1 others.

☐ Double Dutch, in foal to Midyan, finished an honourable third to Majestic Image in her last race, the Commonwealth Handicap, at Sandown on Saturday. The mare's two-year-old full sister, Double Debuant, also trained by Brooke Sanders, is expected to make her debut soon.

☐ Lester Piggott finished third on Nicholas behind French-trained Dream Talk, in the £41,522 De Kuyper-Preis at Hamburg on Saturday. Fellow raiders Jimmy Barnie and Osario finished ninth and eleventh respectively.

☐ Jack Berry and Lester Piggott had to settle for second place with Langtonian in the Premio Primi Passi at San Siro, Milan yesterday. Berry's Ecliptic was eighth in the Prix Giuseppe de Montel at the same course on Saturday.

☐ Patricia, partnered by Gary Carter, led a Henry Cecil one-two when beating Willie Ryan on the better-fancied La Sky, by one-and-a-half lengths in the Lancashire Oaks at Haydock on Saturday. It is the third time Cecil has won the group three prize.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
J Berry	84	59	63	0	-8.88
B Hills	45	42	31	1	+22.94
R Hannon	45	52	43	1	-163.31
H Cecil	42	31	23	0	+9.48
M Stoute	41	27	19	1	-33.48
J Gosden	36	22	24	1	-0.12
P Cole	35	22	27	1	-24.92
J Dunlop	30	17	15	1	+11.97
C Brittain	29	30	32	10	-40.16
L Cumani	27	22	13	0	-47.35

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pat Eddery	86	68	34	1	-55.32
W Carson	64	58	54	2	-82.50
M Roberts	60	61	52	14	-34.33
A Munro	51	48	38	5	-55.50
J Carroll	47	37	35	14	-40.73
W Swinburn	46	41	44	6	-36.42
S Cauthen	44	35	22	6	-9.75
D McKeown	44	37	45	5	-145.91
G Duffield	42	23	33	1	-30.08
T Quinn	42	28	35	0	-21.56

☐ Darryll Holland, the season's leading apprentice, has been passed fit to return at Leicester today. Holland sustained a sprained neck in a fall at Wolverhampton seven days ago.

☐ Tony Clark landed a 69-1 treble at Bath on Saturday with Play Games, Maggie Siddons and Mamma's Too. Play Games finished second to Sea War but was awarded the race.

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Success in Oslo augurs well for an athlete obsessed by greater riches in Tokyo

Confident Elliott dreams on

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, OSLO

CARRY on dreaming was Peter Elliott's philosophy after winning the Dream Mile for the first time here on Saturday night. He has said it before and he will keep saying it: you are only as good as your performance in the world championships. So he is dreaming of being a world champion. Nothing else matters this season.

There was a facial glow to match his carrot hair and orange shorts, but it came not so much from winning as knowing that he is rising to his peak with perfect timing. Glowing, too, because nowadays there is more than one Elliott to choose from when he goes to the start.

Like Tom McKean, he has increased the tactical options at his disposal. He won the European Cup 1,500 metres in Frankfurt nine days ago with a 51-second last lap, but here showed that he has not forgotten how to front-run.

When the pacemakers had gone, with 660 yards to go, Elliott was left with a field containing all but three of the men most likely to challenge him for the world championship gold medal in Tokyo on September 1. None could get past him.

"I wanted to know what shape I was in, to know what next steps to take," Elliott said after running 3min 49.46sec. "This was a stepping-stone. If things had gone wrong, we would have looked at the training." The "we" embraces his coach, Kim McDonald. It was McDonald, Elliott said, who should be given the credit.

"I feel I can now run races any way I want," Elliott added. "It was a good indication to take it on with 600 to go and run 3:49." Racing less frequently than ever, Elliott said that he had learned from experience not to overdo it, and that he would compete only another half-dozen times before Tokyo.

Lost winter training due to injury has left him working on weights and long runs unusually late in the year. It augurs well that he should have dictated to a field of such quality with the fine tuning still to come. Elliott is going through sprint drills this summer for the first time. His drive to the line, with Wilfred Korochi, of Kenya, and Jim Spivey, of the Unites States, on his shoulder, was impressive. "I felt controlled and strong," Elliott said.

The question now is whether Elliott can beat Noureddine Morceli. Morceli is the one who could walk across Elliott's dream. He was not here, but the world's two best 1,500 metres runners may meet in Zurich on August 7.

Morceli was taking a breather from chasing world records but, as Khalid Skah and Salvatore Antibo proved here, there is nothing, not even a world record, as rewarding to a spectator as a duel between champions. Skah v Antibo was fascinating theatre.

Skah, twice the world cross country champion, is Moroccan, but had the crowd on his side because his summer home is in Oslo. But Antibo, the European champion, unbeaten at the distance since 1988, was not intimidated. One surge after another belied the distance they were running. They went through 5,000 metres inside world record schedule but let it go because each was more concerned with beating the other.

On lap 16, within the length of the back straight, Antibo sprinted ahead, Skah accelerated past, and Antibo came back again. But the last sprint belonged to Skah, outkicking the Italian to win in 27min 23.29sec. Either man could do the 5,000-10,000 metres double in Tokyo. Both are considering trying. Let us hope, for the sake of entertainment, they do. Morceli v Elliott would then be on the undercard.

Dream realised: Elliott crosses the line in Oslo, followed by Doyle, who was fourth

Dispute takes a fresh turn

HANS Skaset, the Norwegian member of the five-man jury of appeal, whose decision to reinstate the Soviet Union 4 x 400 metres relay team cost Britain's men the European Cup last weekend, admitted in Oslo on Saturday night that the athlete at the centre of the controversy had run out of his lane (David Powell writes). Skaset refused to say why the Soviets had been reinstated.

The British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) has written to the European Athletic Association (EAA) asking for an explanation of the jury's decision. On the first leg of the relay, Dmitri Golovastov clearly broke his lane, an offence which, according to International Amateur Atheltic Federation rule 141 (2), should have resulted in disqualification.

"Why should I try to deny it [that Golovastov broke his lane]?" Skaset said. "But is that a reason for putting this guy and his team out of the competition?" The answer, of course, is that it is.

The BAAB is awaiting sight of Skaset's report before deciding whether the jury had any good reason for overturning the Soviets' disqualification. If the board is not satisfied it will appeal to the EAA council.

RESULTS FROM OSLO

MEN: 100m: 1, J John (GB), 10.32sec; 2, J Livingston (GB), 10.40; 4, L Paul (GB), 10.50. 800m: 1, J Gray (US), 1min 44.01sec; 2, M Everett (US), 1:44.34; 3, J Dehmel (Ger), 1:45.27; 8, B Whittle (GB), 1:46.61. Junior 800m: 1, C Robb (GB), 1:46.63; 5, M Sesay (GB), 1:49.93. 1,500m: R El Basir (Mor), 3:36.57. Mile: 1, P Elliott (GB), 3:49.46; 2, W Kirochi (Ken), 3:49.77; 3, J Spivey (US), 3:49.83; 4, S Doyle (Aus), 3:49.91; 5, J-P Herold (Ger), 3:50.06; 6, H Fuhlbrügge (Ger), 3:50.52; 7, F Cacho (Sp), 3:50.74; 8, J L Gonzalez (Sp), 3:50.97; 9, M Kiptanui (Ken), 3:52.06; 10, P Rono (Ken), 3:52.38. 5,000m: 1, R Chelimo (Ken), 13:12.22 (world junior record); 2, O Ondoro (Ken), 13:12.80; 3, Y Ondieki (Ken), 13:14.98. 10,000m: 1, K Skah (Mor), 27:23.29; 2, S Antibo (It), 27:24.55; 3, T Osano (Ken), 27:28.87; 6, G Staines (GB), 27:48.73; 11, R Nerurkar (GB), 27:58.45. High jump: 1, P Sjöberg (Swe), 2.25m; 7, D Grant (GB), 2.15. Shot: 1, W Günthör (Switz), 22.03; 5, M Simson (GB), 19.23; 8, P Edwards (GB), 18.49. Javelin: 1, J Zelezny (Cz), 85.64; 6, G Jenson (GB), 77.64.

WOMEN: 100m: 1, M Ottey (Jam), 10.88sec; 2, I Sergeyeva (USSR), 10.98; 8, B Kinch (GB), 11.49. 400m: 1, S Myers (Sp), 49.67; 2, G Breuer (Ger), 50.03; 3, L Keough (GB), 51.04. 800m: 1, C Crooks (Can), 1min 59.35sec; 2, L Vriesde (Surinam), 1:59.36; 3, D Floyd (US), 1:59.67; 5, A Williams (GB), 2:01.19; 7, K Wade (GB), 2:04.76. Mile: 1, H Boulmerka (Alg), 4:20.79; 2, D Melinte (Rom), 4:22.04; 4, A Wyeth (GB), 4:24.87. 10,000m: 1, U Pippig (Ger), 31:51.36; 2, W Panfil (Pol), 31:53.83. High jump: 1, H Henkel (Ger), 1.97m; equal 2, V Ward (Aus) and H Balk (Ger), 1.95; 4, D Marti (GB), 1.89, equal 5, J Boyle (GB), 1.89. Long jump: 1, L Berezhnaya (USSR), 7.06. Javelin: 1, T Hattestad (Nor), 68.98.

No room for privacy on the centre court

Adolesence is the ghastliest time in anyone's life. But at least most of us do not have to do it in public; at least one can get into spectacular scrapes, make ludicrous statements, wear daft clothes and row with one's parents without the huge physical and psychological stresses of playing a high-pressure game in public, and without massive public interest following every aspect of your life. Most people have the luxury of inventing themselves as grown-ups in relative privacy.

But not tennis players. And to make life even tougher for them, they tend to have tennis parents: greedy for success, greedy for money, greedy for vicarious glory. This is tougher on the women than on the men, because early physical maturation means that a player like Jennifer Capriati can be a contender at 15.

To survive as a competitive player beyond adolesence requires a spectacular readjustment. On Saturday, the women's singles final was more or less an Old Firm game: Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini, who have been playing tennis against each other since 1985, are now aged 22 and 21 respectively. Old.

Both have made fortunes, both have been shamelessly manipulated, both are in the process of reinventing themselves: becoming their own persons. Grown-ups. Sabatini's looks made her a marketing man's dream. Thus, throughout her girlhood, her tennis tended to offer more form than content, like Agassi's. She was better at endorsements than winning grand slam tournaments. Graf went the other way: she turned herself into a machine for winning tennis matches. As Sabatini took to the cameras like a duck to water, so Graf hid from them, wearing deliberately unbecoming clothes and hiding behind her sheepdog haircut.

Both have changed dramatically. Sabatini at last learnt to win big tournaments, winning her first grand slam event last year. And Graf stopped winning, her morale in tatters after the shenanigans of her tennis parent: her father has been involved in public scandals that include a paternity suit. This is a hard enough thing to deal with in private, let alone in public. And so Graf had failed to win a grand slam tournament since January 1990, this after winning the lot in 1988.

This Wimbledon represented, for both these women, something of a rite of passage, one that was made possible by the absence of Monica Seles, the latest child prodigy who is suffering from some mysterious breakdown of body or spirit. She, poor thing, still has her rites of passage ahead of her.

Sabatini expressed her reinvented self by being born again as a tennis player. No more robotic baseline stuff: she displayed power, athleticism and a sumptuous volley to win her first grand slam title last autumn, and at Wimbledon she was widely tipped to do it again. Alas, a certain self-consciousness prevailed. She never cut loose: we never quite had Sabatini Unbound.

And what of Graf, looking so radiant in victory? She looked pretty much Unbound herself, with shining hair and stunning smile, charming everyone in the post-match press conference. It is an odd and rarefied form of existence that demands victory in the world's premier tennis tournament as proof of your worth as a grown-up person, but there is no denying this is what happened with Graf on Saturday. "I wanted to have that feeling again," she said of her victory. "I *needed* it."

But both women have passed through the worst of their public adolesence. Alas, poor Monica: or if you prefer, alas, rich Monica. But even with all those dollars, tennis is a tough route to maturity.

Gullikson and Lloyd serve up a dink from the past

By ALIX RAMSAY

WHILE the new generation was in action on centre court, John Lloyd and Tim Gullikson were rolling back the years next door in the men's over-35 singles final, won by Gullikson in three sets of good-hearted tennis.

These are two men who play tennis the way it used to be played, with thought and care rather than rage and brawn — no boom-boom merchants these. Competing on the veterans' circuit, it is nous, not muscle, that counts.

Lloyd had knocked out Gullikson's brother, Tom, the holder, in the semi-finals, so there was an element of family honour for Tim to defend in the final. These days Gullikson has a lower centre of gravity than he used to, but while his waistline may have expanded, his brain remains as sharp as ever.

It was the quality and variety of Gullikson's service that saw him through the tie-break in the first set but, broken in the first game of the second, he conceded his lead to Lloyd.

Gullikson joked with the crowd and enjoyed every minute of the two-hour struggle. By the third set he had the measure of Lloyd, to emerge as champion, 7-6, 3-6, 6-2.

On Saturday Anders Jarryd and John Fitzgerald finally got the chance to defend the doubles title they won in 1989. Last year their challenge was cut short when they collided on court in the first round and Jarryd injured his ribs. This year they were taken to four sets by the Argentinian and Mexican pairing of Javier Frana and Leonardo Lavalle, before taking the title 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1.

Jarryd and Fitzgerald complement each other perfectly, Fitzgerald with the battle-weary stride of a warrior and looking as if he borrowed his shorts from a much bigger man, and Jarryd, neat and purposeful, bouncing around the court. They divide the workload evenly too, the Australian commanding the net and the Swede unleashing his killer return of serve.

Fitzgerald teamed with Liz Smylie to beat Jim Pugh and Natalia Zvereva, 7-6, 6-2, in the mixed doubles.

Larisa Savchenko and Zvereva were in control in their final against Gigi Fernandez and Jana Novotna until, at 2-1 and a break up in the second set, Savchenko lost her serve and then her form. As Fernandez and Novotna seized their chance, it looked to be all over, but a run of four games in the third set saw Savchenko and Zvereva home, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

CYCLING

Sorensen secures early Tour lead

LYON (Reuter) — The World Cup leader, Rolf Sorensen, of Denmark, took advantage of a brilliant team time trial victory by his Italian Ariostea squad to take the Tour de France race leader's yellow jersey from Greg LeMond, of the United States, yesterday.

Sorensen's team finished the 36.5km second stage in 41min 23sec, picking up 49sec on LeMond's Z team and giving him an overall lead of 26sec on LeMond.

The Dane was in a group of 11 riders, including the pre-race favourites, LeMond and Eric Breukink, of The Netherlands, to gain 1min 44sec on the main peloton in a surprise breakaway attack in the morning's first stage of 114.5km around Lyon.

LeMond, the overall winner of the Tour in each of the last two years, took the yellow jersey by 11sec from Breukink after that stage. The Dutch rider's PDM team finished fifth in the time trial, closing the gap on Z by 9sec to leave Breukink third overall, just 2sec behind his main rival.

Stephen Roche, from the Republic of Ireland, the 1987 Tour winner, suffered a disaster when he was unable to start with his Tonton Tapis colleagues because of a gastric upset. He eventually set off seven minutes later and rode alone, finishing more than 11 minutes behind and outside the permitted time limit to avoid elimination from the race.

"It wasn't planned," LeMond said of the surprise breakaway in the opening stage. "I just seized the chance which came up. I knew if we started to get away, the others behind wouldn't be sure how to react.

Breukink, who finished third in last year's race, said: "I saw LeMond going and I followed. Then I turned round and saw no-one behind us. It was as simple as that."

Djamolidine Abdujaparov, of the Soviet Union, won the first stage ahead of Sean Kelly, of Ireland, with LeMond third in the same time.

LeMond also took the opportunity of picking up 14sec in time bonuses in the various intermediate sprints during the stage.

All the other pre-race favourites, including Gianni Bugno and Claudio Chiappucci, of Italy, and Pedro Delgado and Miguel Indurain, of Spain, were left behind in the main group.

LeMond added, addressing his rivals and critics who have accused him of not taking enough initiative in the Tour in previous races. "This is a good lesson for riders like Chiappucci, who never hesitate to criticise me."

The abrasive Italian, who finished second in last year's race behind LeMond, crossed swords with the American during their epic 1990 duel and said before this year's Tour that the LeMond, aged 30, was too old to win the race yet again.

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

PROLOGUE (5.4km individual time trial, Lyon, Saturday): 1, T Marie (Fr, Castorama), 6min 11sec; 2, E Breukink (Neth, PDM), at 2sec; 3, G LeMond (US, Z), at 3; 4, F Moreau (Fr, Tonton Tapis), 7; 5, M Mauri (Sp, Once), 8; 6, J Nijdam (Neth, Buckler), same time; 7, M Indurain (Sp, Banesto), 8; 8, V Ekimov (USSR, Panasonic), same time; 9, J-F Bernard (Fr, Banesto), 10; 10, J Skibby (Den, TVM), same time; 11, R Golz (Ger, Ariostea), 11; 12, E van Hooydonck (Bel, Buckler), 13; 13, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr, Z); 14, G Bontempi (It, Carrera), both same time; 15, P Simon (Fr, Castorama), 14; 16, U Raab (Ger, PDM); 17, O Ludwig (Ger, Panasonic); 18, L Leblanc (Fr, Castorama); 19, F Vichot (Fr, Castorama), all same time; 20, F Maassen (Neth, Buckler), 15. Other placings: 32, S Yates (GB, Motorola), 17; 61, S Kelly (Ire, PDM), 22; 93, M Earley (Ire, PDM), 26; 104, S Roche (Ire, Tonton Tapis), 27; 128, R Millar (GB, Z), 30; 139, L Roche (Ire, Tonton Tapis), 32.

FIRST STAGE (114.5km race, starting and finishing in Lyon, yesterday): 1, D Abdoujaparov (USSR, Carrera), 2hr 28min 54sec; 2, S Kelly (Ire, PDM); 3, G LeMond (US, Z); 4, R Dhaenens (Bel, Panasonic); 5, M Vermote (Bel, RMO); 6, R Sorensen (Den, Ariostea); 7, G Delion (Fr, Tonton Tapis); 8, E Breukink (Neth, PDM), all same time; 9, R Jaermann (Switz, Weinmann), at 5sec; 10, B Cornillet (Fr, Z); 11, R Alcala (Mex, PDM), both same time; 12, J-P van Poppel (Neth, PDM), at 1:44; 13, J Museeuw (Bel, Lotto); 14, C Bomans (Bel, Weinmann); 15, E de Wilde (Bel, Histor); 16, L Jalabert (Fr, Toshiba); 17, O Ludwig (Ger, Panasonic); 18, S Moreels (Bel, Lotto); 19, J Nijdam (Neth, Buckler); 20, J-C Colotti (Fr, Tonton Tapis), all same time. Other placings: 36, Millar, 1:44; 54, S Roche; 61, Earley; 165, Yates, all same time; 184, L Roche (Eire), 6:13.

SECOND STAGE (36.5km team time trial, Bron to Chassieu, yesterday):
1, Ariostea, 41min 23sec; 2, Castorama, at 8sec; 3, Panasonic, at 35; 4, Clas, 39; 5, PDM, 40; 6, Z, 49; 7, Buckler, same time; 8, Motorola, 59; 9, Gatorade, same time; 10, Amaya, 1:00.

LEADING OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, Sorensen, 3hr 16min 55sec; 2, LeMond, at 10sec; 3, Breukink, at 12; 4, Kelly, 26; 5, Dhaenens, 33; 6, Cornillet, 50; 7, Abdoujaparov, 53; 8, Alcala, 1:02; 9, Vermote, 1:12; 10, Jaermann, 1:18; 11, Marie, 1:24; 12, Golz, 1:27; 13, Leblanc, 1:38; 14, Vichot, same time; 15, M Lietti (It), 1:39; 16, M Lelli (It), same time; 17, Simon, 1:41; 18, Delion, same time; 19, J-C Bagot (Fr), 1:42; 20, L Fignon (Fr), 1:46. Other placings: 58, Yates, 2:32; 61, Millar, 2:35; 82, Earley, 2:50.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LINZ, Austria: International meeting: Men: 100m: 1, D Mitchell (US), 10.03sec; 2, R Stewart (Jam), 10.18; 3, A Berger (Austria), 10.19. 400m: 1, R Hernández (Cuba), 44.51sec; 2, A Pettigrew (US), 44.67. 800m: B Konchellah (Ken), 1min 45.80sec. 110m hurdles: 1, G Foster (US), 13.12sec; 2, R Nehemiah (US), 13.20; 3, M McKoy (Can), 13.28. 400m hurdles: D Harris (US), 47.90. Pole vault: I Bagyula (Hun), 5.92m. Long jump: L Myricks (US), 8.03. Shot: W Günthör (Switz), 21.34. Discus: 1, R Ubartas (USSR), 64.18; 2, M Buncic (US), 63.74. Women: 200m: 1, K Krabbe (Ger), 22.21sec; 2, D Young (US), 22.42; 3, H Drechsler (Ger), 22.73. 400m: A Quirot (Cuba), 50.02. 800m: 1, C Wachtel (Ger), 1min 58.84sec; 2, J Clark (US), 1:58.95. 100m hurdles: 1, L Narozhilenko (Sov), 12.58sec; 2, J Humphrey (US), 13.00; 3, K McKenzie (US), 13.02. High jump: Y Rodina (Sov), 1.97m. Triple jump: I Kravets (Sov), 14.59. Javelin: P Meier-Felke (Ger), 67.08.

GLASGOW: Scottish championships: Men: 100m: E Bunney (Caledon Park), 10.69sec. 5,000m: J Sherban (Falkirk Victoria), 14min 06.21sec. 400m hurdles: L Antoine (Birchfield), 53.05sec. High jump: D Anderson (Aus), 2.28m. Pole vault: M Johnston (Haringey), 5.10m. Shot: S White (Luton), 16.92. Hammer: White, 55.68.

GENERAL PORTFOLIO CITY OF EDINBURGH ROAD RACE (10km): Men: M McLeod (Elswick), 29min 57sec.

CRYSTAL PALACE: Southern Counties under-20 inter-counties match: Men: 100m: N Vidal (Middlesex), 10.86sec. 200m: M Collins (Middlesex), 22.31. 400m: D Williams (Kent), 49.75. 800m: G Richardson (Beds), 1min 53.71sec. Mile: M Skelton (Kent), 4.20.34. 3,000m: A Mussett (Essex), 8.39.31. 2,000m steeplechase: C Low (Cornwall), 6.03.58. 110m hurdles: N Owen (Surrey), 14.44sec. 400m hurdles: R Scott (Devon), 57.27. 4 x 100m relay: Essex, 43.29. 3km walk: J O'Rawe (Essex), 14min 22.76sec. High jump: A Weston (Berkshire), 2.00. Pole vault: K Hughes (Essex), 4.30. Long jump: E Merrick (Sussex), 6.85. Triple jump: C Howard (Oxon), 14.88. Shot: G Sollitt (Hants), 15.98. Discus: J Cockburn (Essex), 40.02. Hammer: G Holder (Kent), 57.02. Javelin: S Harrison (Kent), 57.60. Women: 100m: B Christopher (Berkshire), 12.32sec. 200m: S Jones (Berkshire), 25.64. 400m: J Holden (Hants), 57.82. 800m: E Evans (Bucks), 2min 14.86sec. Mile: K Knott (Kent), 5:02.70. 3,000m: S Salmon (Cornwall), 10:14.36. 100m hurdles: K Skatchley (Essex), 14.63sec. 400m hurdles: V Day (Essex), 62.8. 4 x 100m relay: Bucks, 48.74. 3km walk: S Ford-Dunne (Sussex), 17min 17.98sec. High jump: E Cave (Middlesex), 1.65m. Long jump: C Henry (Middlesex), 5.68. Triple jump: L Turner (Essex), 11.82. Shot: C Tank (Bucks), 11.29. Discus: S Drew (Surrey), 46.68. Javelin: K Granger (Devon), 44.58. Digital Trophy: 1, Essex, 195.5pts; 2, Kent, 118.75; 3, Sussex, 114; 4, Middlesex, 109; 5, Surrey, 90; 6, Hampshire, 84.

JARROW: English schools Milk Cup: Intermediate boys: 1, Millfield, Somerset, 529pts; 2, St Edwards, Liverpool, 523; 3, John Fisher, Purley, 497. Junior boys: 1, Enfield Grammar, 473; equal 2, St Aidan's, Sunderland and St Anselm's, Birkenhead, 465. Intermediate girls: 1, Millfield, 420; 2, All Hallows, Macclesfield, 402; 3, Wardens Park, Haywards Heath, 399. Junior girls: 1, Fitzwimarc, Essex, 422; 2, Laurence Jackson, Guisborough, 408; 3, Warden Park, Haywards Heath, 408.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Sixteenth round: West Coast Eagles 100 (14.16), Melbourne 78 (11.10); Hawthorn 159 (23.20), Adelaide 94 (14.10); North Melbourne 95 (3 17), Carlton 89 (14.05); St Kilda 124 (18.16), Richmond 96 (13.18); Collingwood 123 (20.13), Footscray 80 (13.02); Geelong 99 (13.21), Essendon 75 (10.15); Brisbane 170 (26.14), Fitzroy 105 (15.15).

BADMINTON

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian open championship: Saturday night: Finals: Men's singles: Rashid Sidek (Malaysia) bt Foo Kok Keong (Malaysia), 15-4, 15-5. Men's doubles: Park Joo-Bong and Kim Moon-Soo (S Kor) bt Razif Sidek and J Sidek (Malaysia), 15-8, 15-11. Women's singles: S Kusumawardhani (Indo) bt Tang Jiuhong (China), 12-11, 11-1. Women's doubles: Chung So-Young and Hwang Hye-Young (S Kor) bt G Clark (Eng) and N Nielsen (Den), 15-10, 15-11. Mixed doubles: Lee Sang-Bok and Chung So-Young (S Kor) bt T Lund and P Dupont (Den), 15-11, 15-6.

McLeod: Edinburgh victor

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: New York Mets 3, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Montreal Expos 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Cincinnati Reds 1, Houston Astros 0; Chicago Cubs 5, St Louis Cardinals 1; San Diego Padres 4, San Francisco Giants 2; Atlanta Braves 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 1. Saturday: San Francisco Giants 4, San Diego Padres 1; New York Mets 2, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Montreal Expos 2, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; Houston Astros 3, Cincinnati Reds 0; Chicago Cubs 12, St Louis Cardinals 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Atlanta Braves 6.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston Red Sox 10, Detroit Tigers 1; Milwaukee Brewers 4, Cleveland Indians 2; Baltimore Orioles 7, New York Yankees 4; Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota Twins 2; Oakland A's 9, Kansas City Royals 3; Texas Rangers 8, California Angels 0; Toronto Blue Jays 2, Seattle Mariners 1. Saturday: Boston Red Sox 7, Detroit Tigers 4; New York Yankees 13, Baltimore Orioles 5; Cleveland Indians 2, Milwaukee Brewers 0; Minnesota Twins 5, Chicago White Sox 4; Oakland A's 9, Kansas City Royals 7; Texas Rangers 4, California Angels 3; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Seattle Mariners 3.

BASKETBALL

EDINBURGH: Commonwealth championships: Men: Final: England 84, Scotland 87. Third-place play-off: Northern Ireland 87, Nigeria 86. Women: Final: England 73, New Zealand 69.

BOWLS

MIDDLETON CUP (county championship): Group 1A: Derbyshire 101, Nottinghamshire 127; Northumberland 131, Yorkshire 107. Group 1B: Cumbria 114, Lancashire 110; Durham 134, Lincolnshire 103. Group 2A: Cambridgeshire 118, Hertfordshire 118; Northamptonshire 129, Huntingdonshire 118. Group 2B: Bedfordshire 111, Essex 113; Norfolk 119, Leicestershire 115. Group 3A: Buckinghamshire 109, Hampshire 108; Oxfordshire 101, Middlesex 142. Group 3B: Berkshire 101, Kent 130; Isle of Wight 122, Sussex 120. Group 4A: Devon 161, Herefordshire 79. Group 4B: Gloucestershire 124, Wiltshire 108; Somerset 148, Worcestershire 87.

ARMSTRONG TROPHY: Northumberland 111, Yorkshire 113.

RED ROSE CUP: Cumbria 108, Lancashire 132.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Bedford Modern 201-5, RGS, Colchester 202-6; *Eltham 181-7 dec, Old Elthamians 81; *Enfield GS 151-8, RGS, High Wycombe 117-8; *Exeter 187, Old Exonians 191-8; King's, Rochester 125, *Maidstone GS 126-8; Latymer 169, *Tiffin 95-7; Old Juddians 186-8, *Judd 178-9; Old Warwickians 185-5, *Warwick 176-9; *RGS, Guildford 177-4, Kingston 138-8; *RGS, Worcester 250-5 (A Powell 127), Nottingham HS 114-8.

* denotes home team

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy under-25s 222-4 (Harrison 106), Army under-25s 225-7 (Istead 77). Army won by 3 wkts.

WEYMOUTH: Minor Counties championship: Dorset v Devon. No play, rain.

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: RTTC national team championship (Cramlington, Northumberland, 100km). 1, Manchester Wheelers (C Boardman, P Longbottom, G Dighton, R Hughes), 2hr 04min 24sec (championship record); 2, Royal Sutton, 2:12:02; 3, Coventry Olympic, 2:13:08. Northants and District CA (100 miles): S Brooks (Team Chiltern), 3:52:33. Team: Team Chiltern, 12:23:51. Sussex CA (100 miles): S Forward (Cambridge University), 3:57.15. Team: Worthing Excelsior, 13:20:32. Shropshire CCA (100 miles): P Guy (Mid-Shropshire), 4:07.33. Team: Birkenhead NE, 12:48:01. Mid-Devon RC (100 miles): J McNamara (Choughs), 4:20:56. Team: Mid-Devon, 13:13:45. Bramley (50 miles): K Dawson (Askern CC), 1:48:43. Team: Condor, 6:02:34. East Anglian (50 miles): M Pyne (Polytechnic), 1:48:52. Team: Breckland, 5:57:04. Andover (50 miles): H Lodge (Collskop Isoglass), 1:49:26. Team: Antelope, 5:46:33. Belle View (Didcot, 50 miles): 1, A Cook (Leo), 1:51:11; 2, N Gardiner (Oxford Polytechnic), 1:51:29. Team: Oxford City RC, 6:04.17. Hirwaun (50 miles): N Lewis (Bynea), 1:59:45. Team: Swansea CC, 6:28.47. Rockingham (Retford, 30 miles): 1, R Barker (Cheshire RC), 1:08:28; 2, J Whittaker (Chesterfield Spire RC), 1:08:28. Team: Chesterfield Spire, 3:31.43. Matlock (25 miles): C Sturgess (Team Haverhill), 50min 34sec. Team: Matlock, 2hr 55min 41sec. Otley (25 miles): L Holmes (Leeds St Christophers), 53min 44sec. Team: Otley CC, 2hr 57min 28sec. Spalding (25 miles): J French (Manchester), 54min 01sec. Team: Alford, 2hr 59min 08sec. Radstock (Axbridge, Somerset, 25 miles): C Brooks (Polytechnic), 54min 30sec. Team: Bristol South, 2hr 54min 14sec.

ROAD RACES: Kingston-upon-Hull town centre (20km): 1, P Tighe (Scunthorpe Poly), 45min 51sec; 2, A Tinsley (Horwich), same time; 3, A Johnson [illegible], same time. Humberside County Cup (30km): 1, R Williamson (City RC, Hull), 47:00; 2, P McDonald (Leeds), same time; 3, P Noton (City RC, Hull), same time. Post Office Bristol Grand Prix (109 miles): M Postle (Abergavenny), 4hr 23min 03sec.

EQUESTRIANISM

FALSTERBO, Sweden: Nations Cup show jumping: 1, Germany, 8flts; equal 2, Great Britain (P Sutton/Wessex Zakatak, T Cassan/Genesis, W Clarke/Benjamin, G Billington/Alan Paul Rhapsody) and Netherlands, 8.25; 4, Sweden, 16.

BOXING

BANGKOK, Thailand: World Boxing Council super-bantamweight championship: Sakda Sorpakdi (Thai) bt Danny Abela (Phil), rsc 4th rnd.

FOOTBALL

CONCACAF GOLD CUP: Semi-finals: Honduras 2, Costa Rica 0 (in Los Angeles); United States 2, Mexico 0 (in Los Angeles).

OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS: Asian group F: Japan 3, Hong Kong 0. East Asia group D: Second round: Thailand 6, Philippines 0; Bangladesh 1, Malaysia 0.

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARY ROUND MATCHES: Group A: Chile 2, Venezuela 0 (in Santiago); Paraguay 1, Peru 0 (in Zamorano).

GLIDING

ALLEBERG, Sweden: European junior championships: Standard class: Sixth day: 1, T Koivunen (Fin, Discus), 369.4km, 1,000pts; 2, R Brigliadori (It, Discus), 363, 983; equal 3, T Rubel (Pol, SZD-55) and O Springer (Ger, Discus B), 362.8, 982. Seventh day: 1, Brigliadori, 98.4kph, 931pts; 2, Koivunen, 93.23, 907; 3, I Kneppel (Ger, Discus), 92.54, 897. Final positions: 1, Rubel, 5,935pts; 2, Brigliadori, 5,743; 3, S Jones (GB, Discus B), 5,517. Club class: Sixth day: equal 1, M Heutsler (Ger, Libelle), F Schneider (Den, LS1C) and L Tamholt-Pedersen (Den, Libelle), 291km, 980pts. Seventh day: 1, J Bouzid (Fr, Pegase), 90.07kph, 821pts; 2, L Stale (Nor, LS1-F), 88.6, 804; 3, Schneider, 85.02, 782. Final positions: 1, Schneider, 5,088pts; 2, Siebert, 4,882; 3, H Janakka (Fin, DG-101), 4,862.

GOLF

SAKAE, Japan: Takeda Cup tournament: Final scores (Japan unless stated): 273: H Hamano, 65, 67, 70, 71. 277: M Ozaki, 73, 66, 67, 72. 279: Y Isomura, 66, 71, 67, 75. 280: G Marsh (Aus), 70, 73, 70, 67; C Tze-Chung (Taiwan), 70, 69, 70, 71. 281: A Okoyama, 70, 72, 73, 66; N Serizawa, 66, 75, 72, 68; D Ishii (US), 73, 70, 69, 69; N Ozaki, 67, 72, 72, 70.

SYLVANIA, Ohio: Toledo Classic women's tournament: Leaders after two rounds (US unless stated): 135: A Miller, 69, 66. 137: D Richard, 67, 70; L Connelly, 71, 66. 138: D Eggeling, 70, 68. 139: L Kean, 71, 68; K Cockerill, 71, 68; V Goetze, 68, 71; C Hill, 69, 70; J Gibson, 70, 69. 140: N Rubin, 68, 72; S Palmer, 70, 70; J Dickinson, 72, 68; E Crosby, 68, 72. 141: S Thomas, 70, 71; L Hurst, 71, 70; B Burton, 68, 73; D Heinicke-Rauch, 69, 72. Leading Briton: 143: L Davies, 70, 73.

LEMONT, Illinois: Western Open: Leaders after three rounds (US unless stated): 206: G Norman (Aus), 69, 66, 71; R Cochran, 68, 72, 66; F Couples, 70, 68, 68. 208: A Magee, 69, 69, 70; G Hallberg, 67, 71, 70; M Springer, 70, 70, 68. 210: T Armour, 70, 70, 70. 211: M Lye, 66, 71, 74; L Janzen, 67, 71, 73; B Gilder, 70, 71, 70; R Black, 72, 74, 65. 212: M Sullivan, 66, 76, 70; K Knox, 73, 69, 70; D Barr, 70, 74, 68; J Gallagher, 76, 67, 69; N Price (Zim), 71, 71, 70; L Roberts, 71, 69, 72. 213: B Andrade, 70, 74, 69; J Huston, 72, 70, 71; J Daly, 69, 73, 71; C Beck, 68, 73, 72; J Sindelar, 72, 69, 72; R Floyd, 66, 73, 74.

HANG GLIDING

KOSSEN, Austria: Women's world championship: Second day: 1, B Lanfranchi (Switz), 570pts; 2, A Muller (Switz), 551; equal 3, T Noud (Aus) and M Goda (Japan), 323; 6, J Leden (GB), 208. Third day: 1, Muller, 1,153; 2, Leden, 1,136; 3, K Ross-Smith (Aus), 1,119. Overall positions: Individuals: 1, Muller, 1,911; 2, Leden, 1,804; 3, B Lanfranchi (Switz), 1,650; 8, K Rigg (GB), 1,359. Teams: 1 Switzerland, 1,114; 2, Australia, 958; 3, France 912.

MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

In Athens

ATHLETICS: Men: 100m: E Madonia (It), 10.27sec. 10,000m: H Boutayeb (Mor), 28min 24.19sec. Shot: A Andrei (It), 19.90m. Women: 100m: P Patoulidou (Gr), 11.48sec. Long jump: T Malesev (Yug), 6.80m.
CYCLING: 1,000m sprint: J Madrid (Sp).
FENCING: Women: Foil: F Bortolozzi (It).
GOLF: Men: Individual: 289: M Zerman (It), 72, 75, 72, 70. Team: 585: Italy. Women: Individual: 308: C Quintarelli (It), 72, 77, 83, 74. Team: 607: France.
SHOOTING: Men: Rapid fire pistol: G Lapenna (It), 885pts. Trap: D Cioni (It), 217. Women: Air pistol: J Sekaric (Yug), 487.4.
WEIGHTLIFTING: 100kg: S Sharaf (Egypt), 380kg (snatch, 170; clean and jerk, 210.5).

MOTOCROSS

HAWKSTONE PARK: World 500cc championship: Eighth round: First race: 1, D Geukens (Bel), Honda; 2, J Martens (Bel), KTM; 3, B Liles (US), Kawasaki; 6, D Thorpe (GB), Kawasaki. Second race: 1, G Jobe (Bel), Honda; 2, J Whatley (GB), Kawasaki; 3, Geukens. Overall: 1, Geukens, 35pts; 2, Jobe, 28; 3, Martens, 28. World championship positions: 1, Jobe, 179; 2, Martens, 164; 3, K Nicholl (GB), KTM, 132.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCHES: Bay of Plenty (NZ) 22, Young Lions (GB) 30 (in Rotorua); Papua New Guinea 18, France 20 (in Goroka).

WINFIELD CUP: Manly 22, Canterbury 12; Wests 18, Souths 16; St George 14, Cronulla 16; Canberra 32, Balmain 16; Parramatta 34, Easts 12; Penrith 32, Gold Coast 8; Norths 28, Illawarra 6; Newcastle 10, Brisbane 20.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL: Argentina 14, New Zealand 28 (in Buenos Aires).

TOUR MATCHES: New South Wales 21, England XV 19 (in Sydney); Queensland 35, Wales XV 24 (in Brisbane).

SHOOTING

BISLEY: British Commonwealth Rifle Club meeting: Australia trophy (1,000yd): 1, S Kent (Old Epsomian), 75pts; 2, D Coleman (North London), 74; 3, D Harvey (Old Epsomian), 74. New Zealand trophy (1,000yd): 1, J Underwood (Old Guildfordians), 70/23; 2, W Richards (Old Marlburians), 70/21; 3, H Morley (Wales), 70/20. Ceylon Plate (long range aggregate): 1, Harvey, 140; 2, Underwood, 139/70; 3, J Warburton (Twickenham), 139/68. West Indies Trophy (300 yards): 1, P Bennison (Surrey), 50.9; 2, J Jackman (Surrey), 50.8; 3, L Wicker (Sussex), 50.8. India Trophy (500 yards): 1, P Merry (Kent), 50.8; 2, D Armstrong (Surrey), 50.8; 3, A Jones (North London), 50.8 (after countback). Africa Trophy (600 yards): 1, Warburton, 50.9; 2, A Tucker (Twickenham), 50.8; 3, B Verchere (Canada), 50.8. Grand aggregate: 1, Warburton, 337; 2, Richards, 335; 3, Bromley, 335.

BISLEY: British 300m championships: Standard rifle (60 prone): 1, J Davis (Chobham), 589pts; 2, C Trotter (City), 588; 3, R Danks (Twickenham), 583. Free rifle (60 prone): 1, Davis, 589; 2, A Campbell (Bedford), 585; 3, M Scrivens (Chobham), 583. Aggregate: 1, Davis, 1,172; 2, Danks, 1,140; 3, Trotter, 1,139.

BISLEY: Pistol match: Standard: 1, Ancient Brits, 2,184pts; 2, Wales, 2,081. Centre fire: 1, Wales, 2,247; 2, Ancient Brits, 2,218. Aggregate: 1, Ancient Brits, 4,362; 2, Wales, 4,328.

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE LEAGUE: First division: Swindon 43, Wolverhampton 47; Cradley Heath 46, Oxford 40; Berwick 47, Coventry 42; Bradford 57, Belle Vue 33; King's Lynn 51, Eastbourne 39. Second division: Arena Essex 57, Rye House 33; Long Eaton 46, Newcastle 43.

GLASGOW: Sunbrite Inter-Nations championship: 1, Sweden, 15; 2, Australia, 8; 3, England, 6. (Abandoned after five heats, heavy rain).

GOLD CUP: Second division: Stoke 53, Middlesbrough 37.

TENNIS

KUALA LUMPUR: Asian nations' championships: China bt Taiwan, 2-1.

TRAMPOLINING

FARNBOROUGH: British championships: Men: Individual: I Mellon (Grimsby), 102.30; 2, K Young (London), 102.10; 3, T Kypri (London), 101.40. Synchronised: 1, B Hudson and J Heard, 122.90; 2, B Colegate and J Colquhoun, 117.90. Boys: Under-18: 1, P Smyth (London), 97.20; 2, M Southern (Birkenhead), 89.20. Women: Individual: 1, A Holmes (Dunstable), 100.30; 2, S Challis (Portsmouth), 99.90; 3, L Lyon (Liverpool), 97.90. Synchronised: 1, A Holmes and L Lyon, 127.00; 2, S Challis and J Turner, 119.90. Girls: Under-18: 1, L Lyon (Liverpool), 98.10; 2, N Burton (Kirklees), 93.50.

TRIATHLON

IRONBRIDGE IRONMAN (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26.2 mile run): 1, L Loyens (Neth), 9hr 00min 58sec; 2, G Cook (GB), 9:05:16; 3, K Farns (GB), 9:22:47. Women: S Springman (GB), 10:30:17.

YACHTING

SOLENT: Whyte and Mackay points championship: Class CHS31: First race: Impulse II (E Dragten). Class CHS51: First race: Windsprite V (D Banks). Second race: Class CHS51: Lucky Ducky (K Diederichs). Class Sigma 331: First race: Lucky Ducky (K Diederichs). Class Lightwave 3951: First race: Expedite (Mr Stow). Second race: Alvine (H B Evans).

ABERSOCH: Flying Dutchman open European championship: Final positions: 1, L Santella and F Grassi (It), 57.9pts; 2, L Doreste and D Manrique (Sp), 76.7; 3, A Batzill and P Lang (Ger), 91.7. Leading Briton: 16, R Tushingham and N Powell, 136.7.

POOLE: International Etchells British open championship: Fifth race: 1, The Ashes (C Law); 2, Vashti (W Sanderson); 3, Jessica (R Power). Sixth race: 1, Full Pelt (S Fein), 2, The Ashes; 3, Flamboyant (C Jago). Final positions: 1, The Ashes, 11.7pts; 2, Full Pelt, 14.7; 3, Flamboyant, 46.8.

SOUTHAMPTON: Channel Double: Class I: 1, Ear to Absurdity (D and M Worgan); 2, Talotic (G Addis and S Jefferson); 3, Diversity (C Marsh and D Scott). Class II: 1, Jemima Puddleduck (C Drew and J Lott); 2, Bucks Eagle (C Wharton and C Yates); 3, Corsiendo (P and S Whatley). Class IV: 1, Black Fox (A Johnstone and P Holland); 2, Simba (A Hill and P Radford).

Fitness challenge

Chris Bailey, recovering from a knee injury, has been awarded a wild card into this week's Bristol Challenger tennis trophy, along with Mark Petchey, Miles Maclagan and Mark Schofield.

FIXTURES

GOLF: Open Championship qualifiers (Beau Desert, Blackwell, Deer Park, Hankley Common, Langley Park, Ormskirk, Orsett, Sherwood Forest and South Herts).
POLO: (3.0): British Open championship (Cowdray Park): Cirencester Champion Cup (Cirencester).
SHOOTING: Combined Services meeting (Bisley).
SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite National League: First division: Wolverhampton v Swindon (7.30). Second division: Exeter v Sheffield.

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POOLS CHECK

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL RESULTS: Pt Melbourne 3, Ringwood C 2; Altona City 2, Doncaster 1, Bentleigh 1, Nunawading 3, Brighton 0, Keilor 2, Broadmeadows 4, Dandenong 1; Chelsea 2, Clifton Hill 1; Richmond 1, Sandringham 0; Sunbury 4, Geelong 2; Waverley 2, S H Polonia 2; Clayton 0, E Brunswick 1; Coburg 0, Clarinda 3; Cono Utd 1, Eltham Utd 1; Fitzroy 3, Lalor Utd 2, Seaford Utd 2, Heidelberg C 0; Springvale U 0, Moorabbin 0; Boronia 1, S Dandenong 1; Cranbourne 1, Hawthorn 1; Hamlyn R 0, Regent 1; Langwarrin 1, Springvale C 1, Mornington 1, Rosanna 1; Bayswater 2, Sorrento 0; Perth Ital 6, Kelmscott 0; Rockingham 2, Kingsway 2; Spearwood 0, Fremantle B 0 (abandoned 48min); ; Balga 2, Wanneroo 1. Bassendean 3, Stirling T 1; Dianella 0, Swan Croc 2, East Perth 2, Osborne Pk 0; Forrestfield 1, Melville 1; Gosnells 1, Whitford City 0; Ashfield 1, Armadale Pk 4; Balcatta 2, University 0; Perth City 2, Morley 1, Queens Pk 2, Geraldton 0; Subiaco 2, Canning 5; Swan I C 1, Cockburn 2; Vasto Utd 2, Booragoon 1; Blackwood 1, Polonia 3, Croatia 0, Azzurri 1; Hellas 2, Modbury 3; Lion-Grange 0, Woodville 0; Para Hills 3, Salisbury 3; W T Birkalla 2, Adelaide C 1; Adelaide O 1, Campbelltown 2; Central Dist 1, Pt Adelaide 2; Cumberland 0, Elizabeth 1; Noarlunga U 1, Enfield City 2; Olympians 2, Seaford 2; Kenmore 1, Pine Hills 4; Oxley U 1, Chelvaux G 2; Toowong 1, University 1; Virginia U 0, Samford R 1; Burnie 4, Somerset 2; Devonport 3, Olympia 10; Eagles 4, Ulverstone 4; Juventus 1, Georgetown 0. Postponed: Bell Park v Frankston; Oakleigh v Holland Pk.

1-1½	2-1	3-1	4-1½	5-1½	6-1	7-1	8-1	9-1	10-3 ●	11-1½	12-1½	13-3 ●	14-1	15-1½	16-1	17-2	18-3 ●	19-3 ●	20-1½	21-3 ●	22-3 ●	23-1	24-1	25-3 ●	26-2	27-1	28-1	29-1½

30-1	31-3 ●	32-1	33-1½	34-1	35-1	36-1	37-1½	38-1½	39-1	40-1½	41-1½	42-1½	43-2	44-3 ●	45-1	46-1½	47-1½	48-1½	49-1½	50-3 ●	51-1½	52-1½	53-3 ●	54-1½	55-1	56-1½	57-3 ●	58-1

FORECAST: Dividends will be moderate with 12 score draws and three no-score draws. No claims required.

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Euphoria reigns as Wimbledon title is reclaimed

Doubts persist as Graf displays a champion's resolve

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

STEFFI Graf won back more than just her Wimbledon title on the centre court on Saturday. The primeval scream that greeted the final winning forehand was a reflection of pure relief, the outpouring of 18 months of private torment and a public decline which touched the depths of humiliation in Paris barely a month ago when she suffered the worst defeat of her career, against Arantxa Sánchez Vicario.

Slowly, agonisingly, inch by painful inch, Graf regained her self-respect and, though her 6-4, 3-6, 8-6 victory over Gabriela Sabatini has, if anything, confirmed that her days of domination are over for good, she can at least look forward to life as a champion again. She is only 22, after all.

"People have been writing me off a bit," she said. "I knew I could do it. I just needed to show it to myself."

It would be churlish to deny Graf a triumph which, in her darkest moments, must have seemed more fantasy than reality. She has borne herself like a champion, even when the last of her grand slam titles slipped away in Australia earlier this year and every indicator suggested that Monica Seles and Sabatini had moved ahead.

"I never believed that anyone was better than Steffi," Pavel Slozil, Graf's faithful coach, said. "Even Gabriela had yet to prove she was better. To me, Steffi has been the best player for the past 12 months."

But, equally, neither Slozil, Graf herself, nor her father, Peter, who called the win "a new beginning", should allow understandable euphoria to cloud reality.

Though apparently affected by a shoulder injury, according to Peter Graf, not Steffi, one desperate victory, snatched way past the eleventh hour from a player serving poorly, is hardly conclusive proof that Graf is back where she was two years ago, and she should block her ears to those who say otherwise. She was fractionally the better player against Sabatini, who took a set to attack Graf's fragile service and never found any pace or rhythm on her own; better by two points, in fact — those which separated the Argentinian from her second grand slam title at 6-5, 30-30, as she served for the match for the second time.

The first of those, a breathtaking rally which Sabatini should have won and Graf did, finally gave the German the belief that she could end a run of five defeats by the No. 2 seed. The second, a crashing forehand off another woeful service by Sabatini, confirmed the impression. Graf raised a finger in the air, a Jimmy Connors gesture of superiority, and Sabatini seemed to sense that the match, which had swung tantalisingly but never conclusively for nearly two hours, had taken its final course. "That was the most important point. But every time she served for the match, I played better than I had at any time before," Graf said.

After a run of four successive breaks, when Sabatini had served for the match twice, Graf held to 7-6 and then broke — the thirteenth break in the match — for her tenth, and probably hardest won, grand slam title.

"It gav.. me so much pleasure to see myself getting through it, winning a tough match again and not letting up. I have proved that I have the guts," the champion said.

MATCH FACTS

	Graf	Sabatini
Pts served	97	103
Aces	2	0
Service won	11	14
Double faults	8	1
Returns	102	91
Returns won	13	14
1st returns in	84%	85%
1st returns won	44%	32%
2nd returns in	100%	96%
2nd returns won	62%	65%
TOTALS		
Pts won	101	99
Game pts won	77%	45%
Break pts won	100%	67%
Deuce pts won	60%	25%
Serving pts	53	55
Receiving pts	48	44

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MARC ASPLAND

The return of a champion: Graf at full stretch on her way to victory over Sabatini

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Men's singles

Winner £240,000
Runner-up £120,000
Holder: S Edberg (Swe)

Final

M STICH (Ger) bt B BECKER (Ger), 6-4, 7-6, 6-4.

Men's doubles

Winners: £98,330 per pair
Runners-up £49,160 per pair
Holders: R Leach and J Pugh (US)

Final

J FITZGERALD (Aus) and A JARRYD (Swe) bt J Frana (Arg) and L Lavalle (Mex), 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1

Women's singles

Winner: £216,000
Runner-up £108,000
Holder: M Navratilova (US)

Final

S GRAF (Ger) bt G SABATINI (Arg). 6-4, 3-6, 8-6.

Women's doubles

Winners: £85,060 per pair
Runners-up: £42,520 per pair

Holders: J Novotna and H Sukova (Cz)

Final

L SAVCHENKO and N ZVEREVA (USSR) bt G FERNANDEZ (P Rico) and J NOVOTNA (Cz), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Mixed doubles

Winners: £41,720 per pair
Runners-up. £20,860 per pair
Holders: Z Garrison and R Leach (US)

Quarter-finals

J PUGH (US) and N ZVEREVA (USSR) bt G MICHIBATA and J HETHERINGTON (Can), 6-4, 6-3.
G CONNELL and K RINALDI (US) bt B Dyke and M Jaggard (Aus), 6-4, 6-4
C van Rensburg and E Reinach (SA) bt M Schapers and B Schultz (Neth), 7-6, 7-6.
J FITZGERALD and P SMYLIE (Aus) bt J Stoltenberg and R Stubbs (Aus), 6-4, 6-2.

Semi-finals

J PUGH (US) and N ZVEREVA (USSR) bt G CONNELL (Can) and K RINALDI (US), 7-5, 6-2.
J FITZGERALD and E SMYLIE (Aus) bt C van Rensburg and E Reinach (SA). 7-5, 3-6, 7-5.

Final

J FITZGERALD and P SMYLIE (Aus) bt J PUGH (US) and N ZVEREVA (USSR), 7-6, 6-2.

Men's singles (35 and over)

SEMI-FINALS: J Lloyd (GB) bt T R Gullikson (US), 7-6, 3-6, 7-5; T E Gullikson (US) bt P Fleming (US), 6-4, 6-2.
FINAL: T E Gullikson (US) bt J Lloyd (GB),
7-6, 3-6, 6-2.

Men's doubles (35 and over)

SEMI-FINALS: P McNamara and P McNamee (Aus) bt P Slozil and T Smid (Cz), 5-7, 7-5, 6-1; P Fleming and S Smith (US) bt R Stockton and E Van Dillen (US), 7-5, 6-7, 6-4.

Women's doubles (35 and over)

FINAL: W Turnbull (Aus) and S Wade (GB) bt R Casals and M Pete (US), 6-3, 6-4.

Boys' singles

SEMI-FINALS: T Enqvist (Swe) bt P Kilderry (Aus), 6-2, 6-2; M Joyce (US) bt G Rusedski (Can), 6-4, 7-6.

FINAL: T Enqvist (Swe) bt M Joyce (US), 6-4, 6-3.

Boys' doubles

SEMI-FINALS: J De Jager (SA) and A Medvedev (USSR) bt K Carlsen and A Larsen (Den), 6-3, 6-2; K Alami (Mor) and G Rusedski (Can) bt J Holmes and P Kilderry (Aus), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Girls' singles

SEMI-FINALS: B Rittner (Ger) bt P Nelson (US), 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; E Makarova (USSR) bt K Godridge (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

FINAL: B Rittner (Ger) bt E Makarova (USSR), 6-7, 6-2, 6-3.

Girls' doubles

QUARTER-FINALS: J Limmer and A Woolcock (Aus) bt P Nelson and C Rubin (US), 5-7, 6-1, 8-6; S Park (S Kor) and J Saret (Phil) bt S Duangchan and B Sangaram (Thai), 2-6, 7-6, 6-3.

SEMI-FINALS: C Barclay (Aus) and L Zaltz (Isr) bt S Park (S Kor) and J Saret (Phil), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; J Limmer and A Woolcock (Aus) bt E Makarova (USSR) and M Muric (Yug), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

FINAL: C Barclay (Aus) and L Zaltz (Isr) bt J Limmer and A Woolcock (Aus), 6-4, 6-4.

Seeds in bold type with numbers in brackets

First round

(1) S EDBERG (Swe)
M Rosset (Switz)
P Baur (Ger)
D Pate (US)
W Ferreira (SA)
J Aguilera (Sp)
C van Rensburg (SA)
T Witsken (US)
G Raoux (Fr)
H Skoff (Austria)
A Mronz (Ger)
J Fleurian (Fr)
M Kratzmann (Aus)
S Stolle (Aus)
J Oncins (Br)
(16) J McENROE (US)
(10) G IVANISEVIC (Yug)
A Castle (GB)
N Brown (GB)
M Kail (US)
J Tarango (US)
P Cash (Aus)
T Champion (Fr)
C Wilkinson (GB)
J Connors (US)
V Paloheimo (Fin)
A Krickstein (US)
S Pescosolido (It)
D Rostagno (US)
R Furlan (It)
D Marcelino (Br)
(8) P SAMPRAS (US)
(4) J COURIER (US)
R Gilbert (Fr)
N Marques (Por)
J Grabb (US)
G Pozzi (It)
B Pearce (US)
B Dyke (Aus)
A Boetsch (Fr)
L Herrera (Mex)
J Frana (Arg)
F Roese (Br)
K Curren (US)
J Sánchez (Sp)
J Kriek (US)
U Riglewski (Ger)
(14) K NOVACEK (Cz)
(12) A CHERKASOV (USSR)
R Reneberg (US)
D Sapsford (GB)
M Laurendeau (Can)
B Wuyts (Bel)
A Volkov (USSR)
A Jarryd (Swe)
N Kroon (Swe)
C Pistolesi (It)
O Camporese (It)
G Michibata (Can)
J Stoltenberg (Aus)
D Nargiso (It)
M Woodforde (Aus)
D Goldie (US)
(6) M STICH (Ger)
(5) A AGASSI (US)
G Connell (Can)
G Prpic (Yug)
J Siemerink (Neth)
M Larsson (Swe)
P Haarhuis (Neth)
M Rauh (Ven)
R Krajicek (Neth)
G Muller (SA)
J Arrese (Sp)
S Davis (US)
C Saceanu (Ger)
R Vogel (Cz)
J Eltingh (Neth)
P McEnroe (US)
(11) E SANCHEZ (Sp)
(13) J HLASEK (Switz)
S Zivojinovic (Yug)
P Arraya (Peru)
T Woodbridge (Aus)
M Vajda (Cz)
L Jonsson (Swe)
J Gunnarsson (Swe)
P Rebolledo (Chile)
C Pioline (Fr)
G Layendecker (US)
D Wheaton (US)
P Korda (Cz)
M Koevermans (Neth)
M Washington (US)
K Evernden (NZ)
(3) I LENDL (Cz)
(7) G FORGET (Fr)
G Bloom (Isr)
M Gustafsson (Swe)
F Clavet (Sp)
H Leconte (Fr)
T Carbonell (Sp)
N Kulti (Swe)
J Yzaga (Peru)
M Petchey (GB)
J Pugh (US)
P Kuhnen (Ger)
A Rahunen (Fin)
M Bates (GB)
J Altur (Sp)
T Mayotte (US)
(9) M CHANG (US)
(15) B GILBERT (US)
D Orsanic (Arg)
W Masur (Aus)
A Mansdorf (Isr)
H Holm (Swe)
C Caratti (It)
E Masso (Bel)
C Bergstrom (Swe)
S Matsuoka (Japan)
L Mattar (Br)
A Olhovskiy (USSR)
E Jelen (Ger)
R Fromberg (Aus)
P Lundgren (Swe)
C-U Steeb (Ger)
(2) B BECKER (Ger)

Second round

EDBERG 6-4, 6-4, 6-4
Pate 4-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4
Ferreira 6-4, 6-3, 6-3
van Rensburg 6-1, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4
Skoff 6-4, 6-4, 6-3
Fleurian 6-4, 6-0, 6-3
Stolle 6-7, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4
McENROE 6-1, 6-2, 6-4
IVANISEVIC 7-6, 7-6, 6-2
Brown 6-4, 7-5, 6-1
Cash 6-2, 6-3, 6-3
Champion 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4
Connors 6-2, 6-0, 7-5
Krickstein 6-1, 6-3, 6-7, 6-7, 7-5
Rostagno 6-0, 6-3, 6-4
SAMPRAS 6-1, 6-2, 6-2
COURIER 6-4, 6-2, 7-6
Grabb 7-5, 6-7, 6-4, 6-1
Pozzi 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2
Boetsch 6-3, 7-6, 6-3
Frana 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3
Curren 6-3, 6-3, 6-1
Sánchez 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3
NOVACEK 7-6, 6-3, 6-4
Reneberg 6-4, 6-3, 6-4
Laurendeau 6-3, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3
Volkov 6-1, 6-2, 6-2
Jarryd 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3
Camporese 6-1, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3
Michibata 5-7, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4
Nargiso 6-4, 7-6, 7-6
STICH 6-4, 6-1, 6-2
AGASSI 4-6, 6-1, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3
Prpic 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 10-8
Larsson 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1
Krajicek 5-7, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4
Muller 6-2, 6-3, 6-3
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Eltingh 7-6, 6-7, 7-6, 6-7, 6-3
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Leconte 6-3, 6-1, 7-6
Yzaga 6-2, 7-5, 5-7, 6-1
Petchey 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 8-6
Kuhnen 6-4, 6-3, 6-4
Bates 6-4, 6-4, 6-2
Mayotte 6-7, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6, 6-2
GILBERT 7-5, 6-1, 6-2
Masur 6-3, 1-6, 7-6, 6-4
Holm 7-6, 6-3, 6-4
Bergstrom 6-1, 7-5, 6-3
Mattar 6-4, 4-6, 6-7, 7-5, 7-5
Olhovskiy 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 7-6
Lundgren 6-4, 7-6, 6-2
BECKER 6-4, 6-2, 6-4

Third round

EDBERG 6-2, 6-2, 6-3
van Rensburg 6-4, 7-5, 6-2
Fleurian 6-2, 6-0, 6-3
McENROE 7-6, 5-7, 6-0, 7-6
Brown 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3
Champion 7-5, 6-7, 4-6, 6-1, 12-10
Connors 6-3, 6-2, 6-3
Rostagno 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4
COURIER 6-4, 7-6, 2-6, 4-6, 6-3
Boetsch 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4
Frana 7-6, 6-2, 6-2
NOVACEK 6-0, 6-1, 7-6
Laurendeau 3-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2
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Gunnarsson 6-2, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6
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FORGET 6-4, 6-3, 6-4
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GILBERT 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4
Bergstrom 7-5 6-0 6-4
Olhovskiy 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3
BECKER 7-6, 7-5, 7-5

Fourth round

EDBERG 6-1, 6-3, 6-2
McENROE 6-2, 7-6, 6-1
Champion 7-6, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3
Rostagno 7-6, 6-1, 6-4
COURIER 6-2, 6-2, 6-0
NOVACEK 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4
Volkov 6-1, 6-2, 6-1
STICH 7-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4
AGASSI 7-5, 6-3, 7-6
Eltingh 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5
Gunnarsson 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
Wheaton 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, 6-3
FORGET 3-6, 4-6, 6-1, 4-1 (rtd)
Mayotte 3-6, 6-2, 7-6, 6-4
Bergstrom 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3
BECKER 6-1, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

Quarter-finals

EDBERG 7-6, 6-1, 6-4
Champion 6-7, 6-2, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3
COURIER 6-3, 6-4, 6-2
STICH 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 1-6, 7-5
AGASSI 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4
Wheaton 6-4, 6-3, 6-1
FORGET 6-7, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4
BECKER 6-4, 6-7, 6-1, 7-6

Semi-finals

EDBERG 6-3, 6-2, 7-5
STICH 6-3, 7-6, 6-2
Wheaton 6-2, 0-6, 3-6, 7-6, 6-2
BECKER 6-7, 7-6, 6-2, 7-6

Final

STICH 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6
BECKER 6-4, 7-6, 7-5

Champion STICH 6-4, 7-6, 6-4

WIMBLEDON: WOMEN'S SINGLES

First round

(1) S GRAF (Ger)
S Appelmans (Bel)
C Porwik (Ger)
T Harper (US)
K Rinaldi (US)
N Herreman (Fr)
A Henricksson (US)
Y Basuki (Indo)
J Halard (Fr)
C Toleafoa (NZ)
D Graham (US)
M Werdel (US)
F Bonsignori (It)
R White (US)
K Kschwendt (Lux)
(14) A FRAZIER (US)
(13) A HUBER (Ger)
V Martinek (Ger)
T Whitlinger (US)
M Maleeva (Bul)
M Bollegraf (Neth)
V Humphreys-Davies (GB)
J Durie (GB)
H Kelesi (Can)
N Miyagi (Japan)
E Zardo (Switz)
M Strandlund (Swe)
R Hiraki (Japan)
E Pampoulova (Bul)
B Borneo (GB)
S Gomer (GB)
(7) Z GARRISON (US)
(4) A SÁNCHEZ VICARIO (Sp)
B Rittner (Ger)
F Romano (It)
A Coetzer (SA)
P Langrova (Cz)
L McNeil (US)
C Bartos (Switz)
N Sawamatsu (Japan)
J-A Faull (Aus)
K Godridge (Aus)
A Minter (Aus)
S Martin (US)
D Faber (US)
C Caverzasio (It)
G Fernandez (P Rico)
(16) H SUKOVA (Cz)
(15) J WIESNER (Austria)
H Cioffi (US)
L Savchenko (USSR)
A Temesvari (Hun)
B Griffiths (GB)
C Kohde-Kilsch (Ger)
N Jagerman (Neth)
M Oremans (Neth)
P Shriver (US)
A Leand (US)
E De Lone (US)
B Fulco (Arg)
A Keller (US)
L Golarsa (It)
P Kamstra (Neth)
(6) M J FERNANDEZ (US)
(8) J NOVOTNA (Cz)
N Pratt (Aus)
B Schultz (Neth)
B Reinstadler (Austria)
B Nagelsen (US)
E Brioukhovets (USSR)
S Smith (GB)
N Provis (Aus)
W Probst (Ger)
E Sviglerova (Cz)
E Callens (Bel)
N Van Lottum (Fr)
R Zrubakova (Cz)
R McQuillan (Aus)
S Stafford (US)
(9) J CAPRIATI (US)
(15) A CECCHINI (It)
E Smylie (Aus)
S Sloane (US)
C Suire (Fr)
I Demongeot (Fr)
C Lindqvist (Swe)
K Habsudova (Cz)
C Dahlman (Swe)
S Bentley (GB)
M Kidowaki (Japan)
L Garrone (It)
G Magers (US)
A Dechaume (Fr)
A Grunfeld (GB)
E Reinach (SA)
(3) M NAVRATILOVA (US)
(6) K MALEEVA (Bul)
J Salmon (GB)
K Hand (GB)
A Grossman (US)
R Fairbank-Nideffer (US)
P Hy (Can)
P Paradis-Mangon (Fr)
K Radford (Aus)
S Rehe (US)
M De Swardt (SA)
C Wood (GB)
L Gildemeister (Peru)
L Harvey-Wild (US)
T Kreiss (US)
C Tessi (Arg)
(12) N ZVEREVA (USSR)
(11) N TAUZIAT (Fr)
R Rajchrtova (Cz)
A Kijimuta (Japan)
M Paz (Arg)
J Hetherington (Can)
P Fendick (US)
L Ferrando (It)
K Date (Japan)
G Helgeson (US)
C Cunningham (US)
A Strnadova (Cz)
S Loosemore (GB)
R Stubbs (Aus)
K Quentrec (Fr)
M Javer (GB)
(2) G SABATINI (Arg)

Second round

GRAF 6-2, 6-2
Harper 6-4, 6-1
Herreman 7-5, 6-2
Basuki 6-4, 7-6
Halard, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3
Werdel 6-3, 6-2
White 6-1, 6-1
FRAZIER 7-6, 6-4
HUBER 6-1, 6-2
Whitlinger 6-1, 6-3
Bollegraf 6-4, 6-4
Durie 6-3, 6-2
Zardo 6-0, 6-3
Strandlund 6-2, 7-6
Pampoulova 2-6, 6-3, 6-4
GARRISON 6-3, 6-3
SÁNCHEZ VICARIO 6-1, 6-2
Coetzer 7-6, 6-2
McNeil 6-4, 7-5
Sawamatsu 6-2, 6-2
Faull 6-0, 6-2
Minter 6-4, 6-0
Faber 6-3, 6-7, 6-2
Fernandez 4-6, 6-1, 6-4
WIESNER 6-1, 6-2
Savchenko 6-2, 6-7, 8-6
Kohde-Kilsch 6-1, 6-3
Jagerman 7-5, 6-4
Shriver 6-0, 7-5
Fulco 3-6, 6-2, 6-4
Keller 7-5, 6-3
FERNANDEZ 6-2, 6-4
NOVOTNA 6-3, 6-0
Schultz 6-3, 6-0
Brioukhovets 6-2, 6-1
Provis 3-6, 6-4, 6-2
Probst 7-6, 7-5
Callens 7-6, 2-6, 7-5
Zrubakova 7-6, 6-2
CAPRIATI 6-0, 7-5
Smylie 6-3, 3-6, 6-1
Suire 6-2, 6-2
Lindqvist 6-1, 6-0
Habsudova 6-3, 6-2
Kidowaki 1-6, 7-5, 6-1
Garrone 6-4, 7-6
Grunfeld 6-4, 6-4
NAVRATILOVA 4-6, 6-2, 6-4
MALEEVA 7-5, 6-3
Grossman 6-0, 6-4
Hy 6-2, 3-6, 6-0
Paradis-Mangon 6-3, 6-2
De Swart 6-3, 3-6, 6-4
Gildemeister 6-4, 6-4
Harvey-Wild 6-4, 6-2
ZVEREVA 7-6, 6-4
TAUZIAT 6-4, 7-5
Kijimuta 6-1, 6-3
Fendick 7-6, 4-6, 6-1
Ferrando 6-4, 3-6, 6-2
Cunningham 7-6, 6-4
Strnadova 6-4, 7-5
Quentrec 6-2, 6-2
SABATINI 6-4, 6-0

Third round

GRAF 6-0, 6-1
Basuki 6-4, 6-4
Werdel 6-2, 6-4
FRAZIER 7-5, 6-4
HUBER 6-2, 6-1
Bollegraf 6-3, 5-7, 6-3
Strandlund 6-4, 6-4
GARRISON 6-3, 6-1
SÁNCHEZ VICARIO 6-4, 6-1
McNeil 3-6, 6-2, 6-2
Minter 6-3, 6-2
Fernandez 7-5, 7-5
WIESNER 6-3, 6-0
Kohde-Kilsch 7-6, 6-2
Shriver 6-0, 6-3
FERNANDEZ 7-6, 6-1
Schultz 4-6, 7-6, 6-4
Brioukhovets 7-5, 6-4
Probst 7-6, 6-3
CAPRIATI 6-2, 6-3
Smylie 6-3, 6-4
Lindqvist 6-3, 6-2
Garrone 6-4, 6-3
NAVRATILOVA 6-3, 6-1
MALEEVA 6-4, 6-4
Hy 4-6, 6-4, 6-2
Gildemeister 6-4, 6-1
Harvey-Wild 6-4, 6-1
TAUZIAT 3-6, 6-2, 6-2
Ferrando 4-6, 6-1, 7-5
Strnadova 6-1, 6-3
SABATINI 6-4, 6-2

Fourth round

GRAF 6-2, 6-3
FRAZIER 6-2, 6-1
HUBER 6-3, 6-7, 6-0
GARRISON 6-3, 6-3
SANCHEZ VICARIO 6-2, 6-4
Minter 6-3, 6-3.
WIESNER 3-6, 7-5, 6-1
FERNANDEZ 6-3, 7-5.
Schultz 5-7, 6-4, 7-5
CAPRIATI 6-3 1-6 6-3
Lindqvist 6-1, 7-6
NAVRATILOVA 6-2, 6-2
MALEEVA 6-3, 6-4
Gildemeister 2-2, retd
TAUZIAT 6-1, 6-1.
SABATINI 6-1, 6-3

Quarter-finals

GRAF 6-2, 6-1
GARRISON 4-6, 6-3, 6-0
SANCHEZ VICARIO 7-5, 3-6, 6-1
FERNANDEZ 6-0, 7-5
CAPRIATI 3-6, 6-1, 6-1
NAVRATILOVA 6-1, 6-3
Gildemeister 3-6, 6-2, 6-3
SABATINI 7-6, 6-3

Semi-finals

GRAF 6-1, 6-3
FERNANDEZ 6-2, 7-5
CAPRIATI 6-4, 7-5
SABATINI 6-2, 6-1

Final

GRAF 6-2, 6-4
SABATINI 6-4, 6-4

Champion GRAF 6-4, 3-6, 8-6

England's man for the occasion has plenty riding on his appointed task of salvaging the third cricket Test against West Indies

Lamb a high-roller playing for the big stakes

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of five): England, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 43 runs behind West Indies

FOR a decade now, Allan Lamb has been throwing the dice in England's middle order, his confrontational instincts invariably most aroused when the odds are against him. Never before, however, has the fall of the dice meant so much as it does today.

To save the third Cornhill Test match, and potentially a series West Indies had begun to fear they could lose, Lamb first has to save his England career. To achieve both objectives, he has to play the most disciplined and selfless innings of his life.

Lamb, of course, has an impressive track record at this sort of thing. Traditionally, he makes his combative runs, often against West Indies, when his residency in the England team is under review. Today's circumstances, however, are the most daunting even he has encountered.

There is potential for this match to be over, bar the formalities, before lunchtime on this fourth day. There are precedents to suggest that England's chance in the series would then be negligible. And there is the personal side of it, a gathering of evidence for Lamb's prosecution. Beleaguered as he is, he may regard it more as persecution, but let the facts speak for themselves.

First, the statistics. The 25 runs with which Lamb sets out this morning equals his aggregate from four previous innings in the series. It also equals his first-class average for this season, during which he has yet to make a century.

Technically, his modes of dismissal, both in preceding Test innings and in county cricket, betray advancing age. He was 37 last month and is neither as mobile or intuitive as he once was. His feet and his eyes no longer serve him automatically. He has to dig deep into the memory and work at his game more intently than before.

To his credit, Lamb has done so. His voluntary extra net practices this past week indicate that, like Graham Gooch earlier this summer, Lamb recognises in himself a technical hitch and is searching for the solution. Unlike Gooch, however, Lamb does not now have the insurance policy of being indispensable. Unlike Gooch, too, he does not have the benefit of being able to return to a county which is both successful and supportive.

On the contrary, Lamb's job as captain of Northamptonshire can give him no comfort whatsoever. A dressing-room crowded with strong, diverse personalities has reputedly been close to anarchy, a series of unhappy incidents culminating in an anonymous letter, critical of Lamb and believed to have come from a fellow player. His grip on the leadership is now under increasing scrutiny and there are those at the club who might wish him to stand down.

Essentially, Lamb is no more a born leader than he is the cheerily uncomplicated chap often portrayed. Willie Carson, the jockey, has a similarly misleading, public image; in both cases, the superficial fun and frivolity mask a character prone to brooding suspicions of what the outside world has in store for him.

That suspicion may now be reality, for Lamb is undeniably on the precipice. Lamb is to some degree a relic of a bygone England generation. If he looks back to his own Test debut, in 1982, he will find that only Pringle is common to both teams. Five of the 1982 side have now retired and three more may be about to do so.

Experience and longevity is not in itself any bar to continuity but now that Lamb is no longer vice-captain his role in the side is tenuous. Gooch has been rebuilding; other than he and Lamb, the batsmen's average age is 24. No matter that he has, absurdly, been given an advance contract for the winter. Today should dictate whether Lamb can extend his useful England life.

He is, if the truth be told, somewhat fortunate to have the chance, for while Ambrose was on the rampage with the new ball Lamb might have been out to his first ball, and several others besides. Ambrose had already given England another selection headache by dismissing Hick for the fourth time in the series. Later, he was to dismiss Gooch for the first, as England plummeted to 25 for three.

Hick was out to a good ball and a good catch off the inside edge. His shot, however, was ugly and indecisive, that of a man at odds with himself and his natural game. England may be obliged to drop him down the order if, indeed, they are to persevere with him in these intimidating conditions.

Atherton, too, is vulnerable to selectorial whim, having made only 49 runs in the series, against Hick's 55. He caught Gooch's bad habit of playing no shot against Marshall's inswinger on Saturday and if the batting order is to be revamped, surely promoting Smith from No. 6, Atherton may find himself dropping to three.

One man who must remain where he is, at No. 5, is Ramprakash, whose critical vigil with Lamb on Saturday evening increased his batting time for the series to eight-and-a-half hours. He has not yet made a substantial score but nor has he ever looked ruffled or out of place.

The cause of the English dilemma is not entirely batting frailty. Saturday's innings by Marshall, spanning more than three hours, exposed the poverty of England's bowling penetration, on a placid pitch and when the ball declines to swing. DeFreitas is exempt, as he has often been this summer, but nothing confirmed England's plight more than the numbing idea and inept execution of Illingworth's leg theory. It was perhaps not as unethical a tactic as rolling the ball underarm, but there is not much in it.

STEVE ETHERINGTON

Despair and delight: Gooch ruefully embarks on the long walk back, as Ambrose celebrates his dismissal for 13 at Trent Bridge on Saturday

SCOREBOARD FROM TRENT BRIDGE

England won toss

ENGLAND

FIRST INNINGS: 300 (G A Gooch 68, R A Smith 64 not out; C E L Ambrose 5-74).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch b Ambrose *Deceived by length, beaten on back foot*	13	-	1	54	42
M A Atherton b Marshall *Played on - attempting not to play*	4	-	1	8	8
G A Hick c Dujon b Ambrose *Inside edge as ball cut back*	0	-	-	9	3
A J Lamb not out	25	-	3	97	63
M R Ramprakash not out	7	-	-	62	50
Extras (lb 3, nb 2)	5				
Total (3 wkts, 118 mins, 27 overs)	54				

†R C Russell, D R Pringle, P A J DeFreitas, R K Illingworth and D V Lawrence to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4 (Gooch 0), 2-8 (Gooch 3), 3-25 (Lamb 7).

BOWLING: Ambrose 9-5-13-2; Marshall 9-2-22-1 (nb 1); Allen 5-2-5-0 (nb 1), Walsh 4-1-11-0.

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 50: 112min, 25.4 overs.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
P V Simmons b Illingworth *Beaten between bat and pad*	12	-	2	41	25
D L Haynes c Smith b Lawrence *Bat-pad going forward to short leg*	18	-	3	38	26
R B Richardson b Lawrence *Hit round inswinging yorker*	43	-	6	95	75
C L Hooper c Russell b DeFreitas *Low catch off defensive shot*	11	-	1	25	22
*I V A Richards b Illingworth *Charge down pitch, scrambling back*	80	2	8	209	155
A L Logie c Ramprakash b DeFreitas *Square cut caught low at cover*	78	1	8	190	132
+P J L Dujon c Hick b Pringle *Edged low to second slip*	19	-	3	110	79
M D Marshall c Illingworth b DeFreitas *Sliced wildly to short leg*	67	-	6	189	133
C E L Ambrose b Illingworth *Slogging, ball turned out of rough*	17	-	2	62	44
C A Walsh lbw Pringle *Playing across line*	12	-	2	56	35
I B A Allen not out	4	-	1	4	4
Extras (b 2, lb 13, w 1, nb 20)	36				
Total (118.1 overs, 518 min)	397				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32 (Simmons 12), 2-32 (Richardson 0), 3-45 (Richardson 2), 4-118 (Richards 18), 5-239 (Logie 52), 6-272 (Dujon 7), 7-324 (Marshall 34), 8-358 (Marshall 47), 9-392 (Marshall 67).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 31.1-9-67-3 (4-2-7-0, 8-4-19-1, 6-1-9-0, 2-0-2-0, 3-0-10-1, 6-2-17-0, 2.1-0-3-1); Lawrence (nb 11) 24-2-116-2 (4-1-25-1, 6-0-32-1, 7-1-30-0, 3-0-21-0, 4-0-8-0); Illingworth (nb 1) 33-8-110-3 (7-0-29-1, 4-0-14-0, 4-1-28-0, 10-6-16-1, 8-1-23-1); Pringle (nb 10 w 1) 25-6-71-2 (3-1-11-0, 6-1-23-0, 3-1-3-0, 2-1-1-0, 9-2-20-1, 2-0-13-1); Hick 5-0-18-0 (4-0-17-0, 1-0-1-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Second day: Lunch: 35-2 (Richardson 0, Hooper 3), 9 overs.
50: 79min, 17.3 overs. 100: 118min, 26.2 overs. Tea: 145-4 (Richards 23, Logie 20), 36 overs. 150: 169min, 37.1 overs. 200: 231min, 52.5 overs. 250: 292min, 67.4 overs. Close: 262-5 (Logie 72, Dujon 3), 74 overs. Third day: (delayed, 1.10 start): 300: 361min, 83.2 overs. New ball at 301-6, 85 overs. 350: 437min, 99.5 overs. Tea: 381-8 (Marshall 58, Walsh 11), 114 overs.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and M J Kitchen.

PREVIOUS MATCHES: Headingley (June 6 to 10): England won by 115 runs. Lord's (June 20 to June 24): Match drawn.
MATCHES TO COME: Edgbaston (July 25 to 29); the Oval (August 8 to 12).

Marshall is not retiring type

JOHN WOODCOCK

FOR someone whose retirement from Test cricket was imminent three years ago — he said so himself — Malcolm Marshall is still an awfully good Test-match cricketer. On Saturday, his innings of 67 provided West Indies with appreciably more than a nominal lead, and if, when England batted, Ambrose gave the batsmen marginally more trouble, it was Marshall who struck first by bowling Atherton with his sixth ball.

If I have written once that Marshall is "not quite as effective a bowler as he was", I must have done so a dozen times. He constantly confounds one. In Australia, for example, in December 1988, with the other West Indian fast bowlers devouring the opposition, Marshall had to bowl no fewer than 218 balls to move from 299 to 300 Test wickets. Not only an interloping Englishman thought then that his day was just about done. The West Indians did too — until, in the next Test in Sydney, he took five for 29 in 31 overs in Australia's first innings.

And here he is now with 367 Test wickets to his credit, and only Richard Hadlee (431), Ian Botham (376) and Kapil Dev (376) ahead of him in the all-time list. In West Indies last winter, Marshall first headed the bowling averages in domestic cricket and was then the most successful West Indian bowler in the Test series against Australia.

Of an age (33 years three months) when most fast bowlers are, indeed, thinking of hanging up their boots, he is arguably as important a member of the West Indian side as he ever was. That he is lasting so well is, I think, because he is such a natural *athlete* — as well as being such a wonderfully natural cricketer.

There has been no better pick-up and throw in the present Test match than Marshall's at long leg on Saturday evening. He found Dujon's gloves at the top of the stumps with a low return that came like an arrow of lightning. His arm is, in fact, as good as it ever was, and that is remarkable. England's answer might be the Emburey exocet.

Had Marshall wanted to, he *could* probably have represented Barbados at the decathlon. And, when so inclined, he bats less like a No. 8, which has been his usual position for West Indies, than a precocious No. 4. Last summer, when he went in at No. 5 for Hampshire, he averaged 45.

It is, however, for his bowling that he is still feared. I like to think that I have learnt how to tell now how much of a threat he is going to be. As with a finely bred horse, you know from his appearance whether he "needs a race". He has to be only a little over weight, as he quite often is, to appear sluggish; but at the moment he has, unfortunately, a lean and menacing look.

Marshall has learnt, too, to conserve his energy, as most of these great West Indian fast bowlers do. I admit to an abhorrence of the pitiless way in which, like so many of the others, he has sent a stream of batsmen to hospital outpatient departments with bouncers and no outward sign of regret. That has undoubtedly made cricket into a nastier game. But he does less of it now.

Since being obliged, through "age" and industry, to reduce his speed, he has become a more complete bowler, albeit a less intimidating one. The transition took time, which may have been why, at times, one has tended to mark him down.

Most significantly, perhaps, he belongs to the Holding, Sobers, Lindwall school of fast bowlers, the feline few who can make the ball do the work for them. Which is why batsmen the world over do so wish Marshall *would* retire.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbys v Sussex

DERBY *(second day of three): Sussex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 98 runs ahead of Derbyshire*

SUSSEX: First Innings 289 (M P Speight 60; D J Cork 4 for 66)

Second Innings

N J Lenham not out	13
D M Smith lbw b Malcolm	16
I D K Salisbury not out	5
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 1)	5
Total (1 wkt)	39

*P W G Parker, J W Hall, M P Speight, C M Wells, A I C Dodemaide, †P Moores, A C S Pigott and A N Jones to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-30.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Moores b Pigott	8
P D Bowler c Lenham b C M Wells	38
T J G O'Gorman b C M Wells	32
M Azharuddin c Moores b Jones	1
J E Morris c Salisbury b C M Wells	76
S C Goldsmith lbw b Jones	35
†K M Krikken c and b C M Wells	18
D G Cork lbw b C M Wells	13
A E Warner c Hall b C M Wells	6
S J Base not out	0
D E Malcolm c Salisbury b C M Wells	0
Extras (w 1, nb 2)	3
Total (72.4 overs)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-79, 3-80, 4-84, 5-171, 6-202, 7-220, 8-226, 9-230.
BOWLING: Jones 15-2-67-2; Dodemaide 16-3-59-0; Pigott 21-2-82-1; C M Wells 20.4-8-42-7.
Bonus points: Derbyshire 6, Sussex 7.
Umpires: J W Holder and B Leadbeater.

Kent v Glamorgan

MAIDSTONE *(second day of three): Kent, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 222 ahead of Glamorgan*

KENT: First Innings 334 (T R Ward 110, N R Taylor 77, G R Cowdrey 55 not out)

Second Innings

T R Ward not out	85
S G Hinks not out	37
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 1)	7
Total (no wkt)	129

N R Taylor, *M R Benson, M V Fleming, G R Cowdrey, †S A Marsh, M J McCague, C Penn, A P Igglesden and T A Merrick to bat.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher c Fleming b Igglesden	12
H Morris c Marsh b McCague	40
†C P Metson b Fleming	84
R J Shastri c Penn b McCague	4
M P Maynard b Penn	59
P A Cottey c Fleming b Penn	4
A Dale c Marsh b McCague	9
R D B Croft b Fleming	1
S L Watkin not out	7
S Bastien run out	1
M Frost lbw b Fleming	0
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 4, nb 6)	20
Total (76.1 overs)	241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-73, 3-83, 4-181, 5-209, 6-216, 7-222, 8-236, 9-241
BOWLING: Merrick 11-1-39-0; Igglesden 16-3-64-1; Penn 16-4-46-2; McCague 14-1-36-3; Ward 1-0-6-0; Fleming 18.1-5-40-3.
Bonus points: Kent 6, Glamorgan 6.
Umpires: G I Burgess and K E Palmer.

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Hampshire v Yorks

SOUTHAMPTON *(second day of three): Hampshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 157 runs ahead of Yorkshire*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 417 for 7 dec (K D James 134 not out, C L Smith 112; P J Hartley 4 for 82. BOWLING: Hartley 21-4-82-4; Fletcher 20-5-57-1; Carrick 34-6-109-1; Gough 18-0-86-1; Batty 17-1-64-0)

Second Innings

V P Terry not out	6
C L Smith not out	2
Total (no wkt)	8

*M C J Nicholas, J R Wood, D I Gower, K D James, †A N Aymes, R J Maru, I J Turner, K J Shine and Aqib Javed to bat.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Aymes b Aqib	69
A A Metcalfe c Aymes b James	6
D Byas c and b Turner	27
†R J Blakey c Maru b Aqib	4
P E Robinson c Aymes b Maru	25
S A Kellett not out	56
P Carrick c Aymes b Maru	6
D Gough c Maru b Turner	32
P J Hartley b Turner	28
J D Batty not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 2, nb 10)	18
Total (8 wkts dec)	268

Score after 100 overs: 246-7.
S D Fletcher did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-109, 3-118, 4-122, 5-159, 6-173, 7-229, 8-265.
BOWLING: Shine 11-2-41-0; Aqib Javed 20.1-4-55-2; Maru 34-9-79-2; James 8-1-20-1; Turner 32-8-67-3; Smith 1-1-0-0
Bonus points: Hampshire 7, Yorkshire 4.
Umpires: K J Lyons and D R Shepherd.

Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL *(second day of three): Essex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 61 runs ahead of Surrey*

ESSEX: First Innings 338 for 5 dec (Salim Malik 185 not out, N Hussain 128)

Second Innings

†M A Garnham b Murphy	6
J P Stephenson not out	8
T D Topley not out	7
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	22

A C Seymour, P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, *N A Foster, P M Such, N Shahid and J H Childs to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-11.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Garnham b Foster	0
R I Alikhan b Topley	20
†N F Sargeant lbw b Foster	14
A J Stewart c Seymour b Childs	33
D M Ward c Prichard b Childs	98
G P Thorpe b Such	28
*I A Greig lbw b Childs	20
K T Medlycott c Prichard b Such	20
M A Feltham b Childs	28
M P Bicknell c Hussain b Childs	23
A J Murphy not out	1
Extras (b 3, lb 11)	14
Total	299

Score after 100 overs: 279-8.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-28, 3-44, 4-83, 5-174, 6-202, 7-241, 8-249, 9-298.
BOWLING: Foster 18-6-52-2; Topley 12-2-34-1; Childs 43.1-12-112-5; Such 34-9-87-2.
Bonus points: Surrey 5, Essex 7.
Umpires: R Julian and B J Meyer.

Leics v Northants

LEICESTER *(second day of three): Leicestershire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 15 runs behind Northamptonshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 300 for 7 dec (A Fordham 116, K M Curran 67; J N Maguire 4 for 57)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*N E Briers not out	60
T J Boon c Cook b Thomas	0
D J Millns c Felton b Taylor	0
J J Whitaker c Baptiste b Taylor	0
L Potter c Ripley b Thomas	4
C C Lewis c Felton b Thomas	6
B F Smith lbw b Cook	12
P Willey c Ripley b Baptiste	9
†P A Nixon c Ripley b Baptiste	5
C Wilkinson lbw b Cook	0
J N Maguire c Bailey b Baptiste	4
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 4)	6
Total (39.3 overs)	108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-14, 3-14, 4-19, 5-41, 6-61, 7-94, 8-100, 9-101.
BOWLING: Taylor 11-0-37-2; Thomas 9-4-21-3; Baptiste 10.3-4-37-3; Cook 9-3-12-2.

Second Innings

*N E Briers not out	75
T J Boon c Capel b Thomas	5
J J Whitaker b Roberts	74
L Potter c Bailey b Roberts	0
C C Lewis lbw b Baptiste	3
†P A Nixon lbw b Bailey	9
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 3)	11
Total (5 wkts)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-148, 3-160, 4-163, 5-177.
Bonus points: Leicestershire 3, Northamptonshire 6.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Third Cornhill Test match

11.0, 90 overs minimum

TRENT BRIDGE: England v West Indies.

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, 102 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Sussex.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Yorkshire.
MAIDSTONE: Kent v Glamorgan.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Essex.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Falmouth: Cornwall v Wiltshire. Netherfield: Cumberland v Staffordshire. Weymouth: Dorset v Devon. Hitchin: Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire. Burghley Park: Lincolnshire v Norfolk. Morris Motors: Oxfordshire v Berkshire. Shrewsbury: Shropshire v Wales.
BAIN CLARKSON SECOND XI TROPHY: Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire. Farnsfield: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire. Lewes Priory: Sussex v Essex. Norbury: MCC Young Cricketers v Surrey. Taunton: Somerset v Worcestershire.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Refuge Assurance League

Leics v Lancs

LEICESTER *(Leicestershire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Leicestershire by five wickets*

LEICESTERSHIRE

*N E Briers c Speak b Martin	8
J J Whitaker run out	88
C C Lewis b Martin	9
B F Smith lbw b Watkinson	26
L Potter c Hegg b Watkinson	1
J D R Benson c Speak b Allott	29
†P Whitticase not out	14
P Willey not out	12
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 1)	9
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	196

C Wilkinson, J N Maguire and D J Millns did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-38, 3-98, 4-100, 5-161, 6-179.
BOWLING: Allott 8-0-31-1; Martin 8-0-38-2; Wasim Akram 8-0-40-0; Watkinson 8-0-33-2; Austin 8-0-47-0.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis c Whitaker b Maguire	13
G Fowler c Potter b Benson	49
G D Lloyd b Willey	33
*N H Fairbrother c Wilkinson b Benson	18
N J Speak not out	27
M Watkinson c Millns b Maguire	31
Wasim Akram not out	8
Extras (lb 11, w 7)	18
Total (5 wkts, 39 overs)	197

†W K Hegg, I D Austin, P J W Allott and P J Martin did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-88, 3-118, 4-135, 5-186.
BOWLING: Lewis 6-0-33-0; Maguire 8-0-33-2; Millns 4-0-21-0; Wilkinson 4-0-19-0; Willey 8-0-30-1; Benson 7-0-50-2.
Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews.

Kent v Glamorgan

MAIDSTONE *(Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Glamorgan by eight wickets*

GLAMORGAN

M P Maynard c Benson b Igglesden	23
H Morris b Fleming	32
R J Shastri not out	90
*A R Butcher c and b Fleming	30
P A Cottey not out	18
Extras (lb 4, w 7)	11
Total (3 wkts, 40 overs)	204

A Dale, R D B Croft, S L Watkin, S R Barwick, †C P Metson and S Bastien did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-102, 3-170.
BOWLING: McCague 8-0-42-0; Igglesden 8-0-38-1; Davis 8-1-46-0, Merrick 8-1-29-0; Fleming 8-0-45-2.

KENT

M V Fleming c Morris b Bastien	2
*M R Benson c Morris b Bastien	84
N R Taylor not out	82
T R Ward not out	33
Extras (lb 5, w 2)	7
Total (2 wkts, 37 overs)	208

G R Cowdrey, C S Cowdrey, †S A Marsh, R P Davis, T A Merrick, A P Igglesden and M J McCague did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-150.
BOWLING: Watkin 8-0-46-0; Bastien 8-0-42-2; Croft 8-1-34-0; Shastri 8-0-35-0; Barwick 5-0-28-0; Dale 2-0-18-0.
Umpires: G I Burgess and R Palmer.

Roseberry: unbeaten century

Hants v Worcs

SOUTHAMPTON *(Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Hampshire on faster scoring rate*

HAMPSHIRE

*M C J Nicholas c Rhodes b Weston	2
C L Smith c and b Newport	114
D I Gower c Radford b Newport	16
J R Wood c Lampitt b Radford	54
V P Terry not out	42
K D James c D'Oliveira b Lampitt	3
J R Ayling not out	14
Extras (lb 8, w 1, nb 1)	12
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	255

†R J Parks, S D Udal, C A Connor and Aqib Javed did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-84, 3-178, 4-204, 5-213.
BOWLING: Radford 8-1-37-1; Weston 4-0-21-1; Newport 7-0-53-2; Lampitt 8-0-52-1; Stemp 5-0-33-0; Botham 8-0-51-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis c Nicholas b Aqib	76
T M Moody c James b Udal	68
D B D'Oliveira b Aqib	32
I T Botham c Gower b Aqib	7
*P A Neale not out	12
M J Weston not out	0
Extras (lb 4, w 8)	12
Total (4 wkts, 31.4 overs)	208

†S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, P J Newport, N V Radford and R D Stemp did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-126, 2-177, 3-189, 4-198.
BOWLING: Aqib Javed 8-0-50-3; James 2-0-14-0; Connor 8-0-45-0; Udal 8-0-47-1; Ayling 5.4-0-44-0.
Umpires: K J Lyons and D R Shepherd.

Derbys v Sussex

DERBY *(Sussex won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 5 runs*

SUSSEX

N J Lenham run out	11
*P W G Parker b Goldsmith	27
D M Smith c Adams b Base	78
†M P Speight c and b Goldsmith	3
K Greenfield c Goldsmith b Barnett	53
C M Wells not out	34
A C S Pigott not out	4
Extras (lb 13, w 8)	21
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	231

A I C Dodemaide, †P Moores, I D K Salisbury and A N Jones did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-66, 3-75, 4-182, 5-220
BOWLING: Base 8-0-42-1; Warner 8-0-56-0; Goldsmith 8-1-33-2; Griffith 8-0-49-0; Barnett 8-0-38-1.

DERBYSHIRE

P D Bowler lbw b Pigott	26
C J Adams run out	44
J E Morris c and b Pigott	6
M Azharuddin b Jones	3
T J G O'Gorman b Jones	3
S C Goldsmith b Lenham	42
*K J Barnett not out	60
A E Warner b Pigott	8
F A Griffith not out	12
Extras (b 2, lb 12, w 7, nb 1)	22
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	226

†K M Krikken and S J Base did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-52, 3-64, 4-70, 5-104, 6-185, 7-205.
BOWLING: Dodemaide 8-0-25-0; C M Wells 8-0-35-0; Jones 8-0-55-2; Pigott 8-0-44-3; Salisbury 6-0-34-0; Lenham 2-0-19-1.
Umpires: J W Holder and B Leadbeater.

Essex v Warwicks

CHELMSFORD *(Essex won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Warwickshire by six wickets*

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles run out	53
Asif Din c Garnham b Stephenson	45
*T A Lloyd lbw b Stephenson	1
D A Reeve st Garnham b Stephenson	2
D P Ostler run out	4
P A Smith c and b Salim	3
N M K Smith not out	38
P C L Holloway lbw b Stephenson	8
J E Benjamin not out	12
Extras (b 6, lb 7, w 3, nb 2)	18
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	184

T A Munton and A A Donald did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-106, 2-107, 3-111, 4-112, 5-117, 6-123, 7-138.
BOWLING: Foster 6-1-19-0; Topley 8-0-44-0; Fraser 8-0-33-0; Such 6-0-33-0; Stephenson 8-0-17-4, Salim Malik 8-0-25-1

ESSEX

†M A Garnham b Donald	8
J P Stephenson c Moles b Donald	60
Salim Malik b Benjamin	64
P J Prichard lbw b P A Smith	5
N Hussain not out	17
*N A Foster not out	16
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 6, nb 4)	17
Total (4 wkts, 37 overs)	187

K A Butler, N Shahid, A G J Fraser, T D Topley and P M Such did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-133, 3-142, 4-154.
BOWLING: Donald 8-0-30-2; Munton 8-0-34-0; Benjamin 7-0-41-1; Reeve 3-0-24-0; N M K Smith 7-0-27-0; P A Smith 4-0-24-1.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and R A White.

Northants v Surrey

TRING *(Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Surrey by 15 runs*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham c Stewart b Waqar	49
N A Felton c Stewart b Murphy	4
D J Capel c Medlycott b Robinson	16
R J Bailey c Ward b Boiling	33
K M Curran c Lynch b Murphy	13
E A E Baptiste lbw b Waqar	1
R G Williams c Stewart b Waqar	0
†D Ripley b Boiling	13
A Walker c and b M P Bicknell	4
N G B Cook not out	17
J P Taylor run out	16
Extras (lb 9, w 4, nb 2)	15
Total (39.1 overs)	181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-46, 3-98, 4-113, 5-115, 6-115, 7-134, 8-145, 9-145.
BOWLING: M P Bicknell 8-0-28-1; Murphy 8-2-26-2; Robinson 5.1-0-26-1; Thorpe 2-0-14-0; Boiling 8-0-41-2; Waqar Younis 8-1-37-3.

SURREY

D J Bicknell b Taylor	0
M A Lynch c Baptiste b Williams	55
*†A J Stewart lbw b Taylor	1
D M Ward b Walker	3
G P Thorpe c and b Capel	50
J D Robinson c Walker b Capel	11
K T Medlycott run out	9
M P Bicknell not out	20
Waqar Younis b Baptiste	1
J Boiling not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 7)	13
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	166

A J Murphy did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-12, 3-17, 4-103, 5-125, 6-136, 7-152, 8-158.
BOWLING: Walker 8-1-14-1; Taylor 7-2-18-2; Curran 4-0-21-0; Baptiste 7-1-25-1; Cook 4-0-25-0; Williams 5-0-28-1; Capel 5-0-29-2.
Umpires: P B Wight and K E Palmer.

Middlesex v Yorks

LORD'S *(Middlesex won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Middlesex by seven wickets*

MIDDLESEX

*M W Gatting c Blakey b Fletcher	14
M A Roseberry not out	106
K R Brown c Robinson b Pickles	6
M Keech c Moxon b Gough	5
I J F Hutchinson run out	17
J E Emburey c Metcalfe b Fletcher	15
P N Weekes not out	32
Extras (lb 8, w 7)	15
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	210

†P Farbrace, N F Williams, C W Taylor and N G Cowans did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-50, 3-65, 4-91, 5-128.
BOWLING: Hartley 8-0-46-0; Fletcher 8-0-43-2; Gough 8-0-35-1, Pickles 4-0-13-1; Carrick 8-0-38-0; Batty 4-0-27-0.

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon b Emburey	64
A A Metcalfe c Taylor b Emburey	116
†R J Blakey c Hutchinson b Emburey	2
D Byas not out	6
P E Robinson not out	3
Extras (b 2, lb 13, w 2, nb 3)	20
Total (3 wkts, 39.2 overs)	211

C S Pickles, P Carrick, P J Hartley, D Gough, J D Batty and S D Fletcher did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-167, 2-172, 3-204.
BOWLING: Williams 8-0-47-0; Taylor 8-0-37-0, Emburey 8-0-34-3; Cowans 8-0-42-0; Weekes 7.2-0-36-0.
Umpires: R Julian and B J Meyer.

No play yesterday

Centenary Challenge match

TAUNTON: Somerset v Gloucestershire. Match drawn.

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CRICKET

Lancashire leave way open for the quizmasters

By Peter Ball

LEICESTER (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Leicestershire by five wickets

IT HAS been a good weekend for Lancashire. After their win at Taunton on Friday, they followed it by defeating Leicestershire yesterday to go two points clear of Nottinghamshire at the top of the Refuge Assurance League.

They have now won 15 of their 17 limited-overs matches this season, a testimony to their formidable all-round strength. The two latest games will undoubtedly become a sports-quiz question in years to come — how did Lancashire go to the top of the Sunday league by winning two matches in three days?

Historical connotations aside, however, yesterday's victory was a run-of-the-mill affair. Leicestershire possessed neither the firepower to set Lancashire a challenging target, nor the bowling to protect their 196, in spite of a useful spell in the middle by the wily Willey and a tight spell at the end by the admirable Maguire.

Even at the end, as Lancashire won with only six balls to spare, any excitement was strictly synthetic for the 4,000 crowd who enjoyed the sunshine if not a thrilling contest as, from the start, the outcome seemed almost inevitable. Although Mendis, Friday's hero, this time went quickly, Fowler survived two chances in three balls on 32 to steer them into a commanding position, and Lloyd, Watkinson and Speak made sure of the victory without spills, if with few thrills.

For a neutral, there was more to admire in Whitaker's performance in a losing cause. He has never quite become the player he once promised to be, but it was an excellent innings in the limited-overs idiom until he was needlessly run out with three overs remaining and a century beckoning.

Smith, who scampers between the wickets with the frantic eagerness of a cartoon cat pursuing a mouse, and Benson leant useful support in 60-partnerships, but they were essentially supporting roles as Whitaker unleashed his fine array of drives. He hit seven fours.

The Lancashire bowlers were willing partners, their apparent determination to keep the ball up resulting in more full tosses than you expect in a dozen matches. Not for the first time this season, without Hughes to goad them on, it seemed that they felt they only had to go through the motions in the field, confident in the ability of their batting. They were right once again, but one fears that, at some stage, confidence is going to become complacency.

Surrey too slow to claim victory

By Richard Streeton

TRING (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Surrey by 15 runs

TIGHT bowling by Northamptonshire enabled them to defend a relatively modest total of 181 on this small ground yesterday and brought them their fifth Refuge Assurance League win of the season. Monte Lynch and Graham Thorpe made sound fifties for Surrey, but were never able to score quickly enough.

Lynch had 28 singles in his 55 and Thorpe 27 in 50 as they tried to restore Surrey's chances with a fourth-wicket stand worth 86 in 20 overs. Surrey made a shaky start and were 17 for three after nine overs before these two came together, but the Northamptonshire bowlers never lost control.

Taylor, the left-arm seamer, was responsible for the initial setbacks. Darren Bicknell played-on against him, the ball rolling back gently into the stumps from a defensive stroke. Taylor next had Stewart leg-before and Walker bowled Ward with one that kept low.

The fourth-wicket stand ended when Lynch, who had just started to force the pace, lifted a catch to long-on against Williams. Thorpe soon followed after he gave Capel a return catch. Surrey still required 57 from six overs, but their challenge gradually subsided, with Medlycott run out by a direct hit from Capel at long-off and Robinson caught at short mid-wicket.

Northamptonshire had earlier failed to bat with very much distinction against an attack that admittedly gave little away. Yet, in the end, their score proved enough. Bailey's decision to bat first could be explained by the ball's tendency on this ground to keep lower the longer the match progresses. Fordham and Bailey batted fluently, but nobody else stayed long until Cook and Taylor added what was to prove a decisive 36 for the last wicket.

Felthan was caught behind as he tried to cut and Capel lifted a catch to cover before Fordham and Bailey added 52 in eight overs, both striking the ball hard. Waqar Younis decided to give a minor back injury a workout and made significant inroads when he became the sixth bowler tried.

Fordham greeted the Pakistani by lifting him for six over square-leg, but, in the same over, was caught behind. At the other end Bailey was caught at long-off by Ward against Boiling before Waqar took two wickets in his third over.

Reliable Stephenson keeps Essex in hunt

By Ivo Tennant

IF THE county championship is of paramount concern to Essex, the Refuge Assurance League is a competition in which they have prospered in the past and may yet do so this season. Their victory yesterday over Warwickshire, brought about by a telling all-round achievement from John Stephenson, means they are still within range of the leaders.

Stephenson took four for 17 with his useful medium-pace in Warwickshire's moderate total of 184 for seven. These were the best figures of his career in this competition. There also was a half-century for Moles and runs from Asif Din and Neil Smith.

When Essex batted, Stephenson began with 60, and an innings of 64 by Salim Malik brought about a six-wicket win.

For Chris Smith to be contemplating a career in marketing at a time when he can score centuries almost at will seems faintly ludicrous. He took 114 off Worcestershire yesterday in a match which was reduced to 32 overs a side. This was perhaps as well for Worcestershire, since 256 was a daunting target. Moody scored 66 in Worcestershire's victory on run-rate over Hampshire.

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Lancashire (2)	10	8	1	0	1	34
Notts (4)	9	8	1	0	0	32
Worcestershire (11)	11	5	3	1	2	26
Essex (12)	11	4	2	1	4	26
Yorkshire (7)	10	6	4	0	0	24
Somerset (8)	11	5	4	0	2	24
Northants (17)	10	5	3	0	2	24
Surrey (6)	10	4	4	0	2	20
Kent (10)	10	4	4	1	1	20
Warwickshire (14)	10	3	3	1	3	20
Middlesex (3)	10	4	5	0	1	18
Sussex (13)	10	3	5	0	2	16
Gloucs (9)	9	3	4	0	2	16
Leicestershire (16)	10	3	6	0	1	14
Hampshire (5)	9	2	6	0	1	10
Derbyshire (1)	9	2	7	0	0	8
Glamorgan (15)	11	1	8	0	2	8

1990 positions in brackets

At Maidstone, a partnership of 147 in 28 overs between Benson, the captain of Kent, who made 84, and Taylor, an unbeaten 82, brought about a convincing eight-wicket victory over the bottom county, Glamorgan. Shastri was undefeated with 90 earlier in the afternoon but further quick runs were not forthcoming.

At Lord's, there were centuries from Roseberry — an unbeaten 106 for Middlesex — and Metcalfe, who made 116 for Yorkshire. Metcalfe finished on the winning team, the margin of victory seven wickets.

Briers stands alone

CAPTAINING Leicestershire is an unenviable enough task without having to concern yourself with personal performances (Ivo Tennant writes). Nigel Briers would have enjoyed carrying his bat against Northamptonshire on Saturday had it not been that no one else in his team made more than 12. The way he is batting, he may well repeat this feat in the second innings.

For Briers, having made 60 out of a total of 108, then made 75 out of 177 for five. Northamptonshire should win, unless Briers defies them.

At Southampton, Moxon made his sixth score of more than 50 this season, his innings of 68 ensuring that Yorkshire saved the follow-on against Hampshire. Having done so, he promptly declared, which should make for an agreeable day's cricket today. Hampshire are one of three counties — with Leicestershire and the champions, Middlesex — still to win a championship match.

At the cutting edge, Essex, who must win at least one of the two matches they have in hand over Warwickshire, the leaders, bowled Surrey out for 299, of which David Ward made 98. The pitch is taking spin and Essex, do not forget, have two spinners in their side. One of them, Childs, took five wickets on Saturday.

At Maidstone, Trevor Ward is 15 runs short of a second century of the match, having almost scored his first before lunch on Friday. Kent lead Glamorgan by 222 runs and will be looking to him to score quickly this morning.

Moss's motor-racing landmark is eclipsed as Williams discovers the right formula at last

Driven to exhaustion: Mansell, on his way to victory in Magny-Cours yesterday, later feels the strain as the French president, François Mitterrand, makes the presentations

Mansell storms to record victory

From Norman Howell
in Magny-Cours, France

NIGEL Mansell confounded his critics yesterday by winning the French Formula One grand prix after a hard-fought battle with Alain Prost. The victory moves Mansell into second place in the drivers' championship behind Ayrton Senna, who had a lacklustre race and finished third, trailing Mansell's Williams-Renault by half a minute.

As well as winning for the first time since the Portuguese grand prix last year, Mansell broke Stirling Moss's record of 16 grand prix wins by an English driver.

It was the first Formula One race to be held at the tight and twisty Magny Cours circuit, near Nevers. Despite reservations expressed by a number of drivers about the track's lack of character, it turned out to be a fascinating race. Mansell and the Ferrari of Prost swapped the lead a number of times, with Mansell finally outbraking the Frenchman on the 55th lap, at the Adelaide hairpin right-hander.

From then on the race was his, helped by the fact that Prost had by that stage encountered problems with the up-and-down shift on his semi-automatic gearbox.

Mansell had taken the lead from Prost on the 22nd lap — again at the Adelaide bend — only to surrender it through an uncharacteristically slow 12-second tyre change by his pit crew. He then had to chase Prost hard before regaining the advantage.

Prost had a great start, accelerating away from his rivals and easily overtaking Riccardo Patrese, who was on pole. Mansell tucked in behind Prost at the first bend, followed by Senna, Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi, with Patrese seemingly stationary. Patrick Head, Williams' head of design and engineering, said that Patrese had gearbox problems. It was a pity, as Williams could have repeated its performance in Mexico, where it finished first and second. Patrese had been the quicker of the two in practice.

Mansell's spirit has never been in doubt. All he needed was a car that would not let him down, and yesterday he got it. Patrese still managed to finish in the points, behind Alesi and ahead of Andrea de Cesaris, who continued his surprising success in the Jordan by finishing sixth. But while nothing could detract from the performance of Mansell and Williams, the McLaren team was well below par.

Just before the race, some members of the McLaren team said they doubted if Senna's engine would last more than ten laps. In fact it was the luckless Berger who had to pull out after four laps with a blown engine. Senna managed to finish third, holding off a spirited late challenge from Alesi's Ferrari.

The Brazilian world champion was openly critical of his team and Honda, whose V12 engine was expected to dominate the championship. "Third is good," Senna said. "We cannot compete with Ferrari and Williams, our engines and chassis are just not good enough. Our engineers are working on a completely new V12. In the meantime we must do the best we can."

Those words are unlikely to make Ron Dennis, McLaren's owner, sleep easy. After a storming start to the season, the team is floundering. Senna's comments will undoubtedly fuel speculation that Williams-Renault is once again trying to acquire his services.

☐ Mauricio Gugelmin, who finished seventh, was later fined $10,000 (about £6,000) for failing to allow Mansell to pass him on the seventieth lap.

RESULT FROM MAGNY-COURS

RESULT: 1, N Mansell (GB), Williams Renault, 1hr 38min 00.056sec; 2, A Prost (Fr), Ferrari 643, at 5.003 sec; 3, A Senna (Br), McLaren Honda, at 34.934; 4, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari 643, at 35.920, 5, R Patrese (It), Williams Renault, at one lap; 6, A de Cesaris (It), Jordan Ford, at one lap; 7, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton House, at two laps; 8, N Piquet (Br), Benetton Ford, at two laps; 9, P Martini (It), Minardi Ferrari, at two laps; 10, J Herbert (GB), Lotus Judd V8, at two laps; 11, E Comas (Fr), Ligier, at two laps; 12, T Boutsen (Bel), Ligier, at three laps.

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Senna, 48 pts; 2, Mansell (GB), 23, 3, R Patrese (It), 22; 4, Prost, 17; 5, Piquet, 16; 6, G Berger (Austria), 10; 7, S Modena (It), 9; 8, Alesi, 8; 9, de Cesaris (It), 7; 10, R Moreno (Br), 5; 11, J J Lehto (Fin), 4; 12, Martini, 3; equal 13, B Gachot (Fr), M Hakkinen (Fin), S Nakajima (Japan), 2; equal 16, J Bailey (GB), A Suzuki (Japan) 1, E Pirro (It), E Bernard (Fr), 1.

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, McLaren Honda, 58pts; 2, Williams Renault, 45, 3, Ferrari, 25; 4, Benetton Ford, 21; 5, Tyrrell Honda, 11; 6, Jordan Ford, 9; 7, Dallara Judd, 5; equal 8, Minardi Ferrari, Lotus Judd, 3; 10, Larrousse Ford, 2.

ROWING

Eight defeat Soviet rivals

By Mike Rosewell, Rowing Correspondent

THE newly reshuffled British squad eight set Henley alight yesterday with an emphatic defeat of the Soviet crew in the final of the Grand. The Leander/Star crew led from the start, and, passing the enclosures, had sufficient in hand to raise fists to the delighted crowd.

The British victory was all the more surprising because the previous day the Soviet crew, ranked second in the Soviet Union, had beaten Mike Spracklen's top Canadian eight, who were recent winners in Duisburg, after a disputed start. Spracklen admitted that his crew "underperformed for some reason" and were so tired by their exertions on Friday that he had abandoned a Saturday morning outing.

In the Diamonds, the lightweight, Wim Van Belleghem, of Belgium, and the holder, Eric Verdonk, of New Zealand, were locked in sort of race scullers dread.

To his surprise, Van Belleghem took an early lead, but from the half-mile, Verdonk held a small advantage. Nevertheless, the Belgian's continued pressure brought Verdonk to a halt some 40 strokes from the line.

Overseas dominance in the singles was repeated in the Double Sculls: Bjarne Eltang, of Denmark, a victor at Henley in 1985 and 1986 and a prolific winner of international lightweight medals, won with his new partner, Henrik Bang, of Norway.

The performance of the British eight tended to overshadow the efforts of the other British squad boats, whose opposition was clearly less taxing. Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent won the Goblets at a canter, as both Lithuanians and Spaniards were shrugged aside on the last two days by the sparingly given Henley verdict of "easily".

Yesterday, against the Spaniards, Redgrave and Pinsent demonstrated their power by moving from a half-a-length lead to their "easily" verdict in the last 40 strokes of the race.

The British squad coxless four and quad won the Stewards and Queen Mother's Cups with ease, and the coxed four, in the Prince Philip, clearly wasted little energy crossing the line at a rate of 20, well clear of Lithuanian opponents.

Eton completed a week of domination of other schools, both domestic and American, in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup.

Eton's only regret must be the decision not to attempt a full-course record in the favourable Friday conditions; they were well on record schedule at halfway before they reduced the pressure.

Overseas interest in the Ladies' Plate evaporated before finals day, leaving the stage to two composite British student crews.

In this event, Washington University, albeit not directly affected, voiced many oarsmen's criticisms of the stewards' decision to make some crews race twice on a day when others, with a bye, had a distinct advantage.

The University of Pennsylvania's Thames Cup crew were the only 1991 transatlantic winners and Bristol University's Henley Prize crew, in its first Royal regatta final, just held off Imperial College, appearing in their sixth final in seven years.

YACHTING

Smith strives to haul in leader

From Barry Pickthall in Nieuport, Belgium

LAWRIE Smith and his crew were fighting to close an eight-minute deficit on the leader, Dave Clarke's American entry, Vibes, last night at the midpoint in the 67-mile short offshore race in the One Ton Cup.

In Saturday's twin windward-leeward races, two yachts, the Danish Admiral's Cupper, Zurich, and Relax, from Belgium, knocked each other out in an expensive collision, and Maestro's Russian skipper, Oleg Stashkevitch, finished in hospital with head injuries. Smith's yacht, Port Pendennis, was then third overall, six points behind the Italian yacht, Brava, and 3.75 points adrift from Vibes.

Last night, Brava's chances of retaining that lead looked in doubt as her crew struggled in the light, fickle breeze to better twelfth place in the short offshore race. Smith's crew were also hoping for an extra puff or two from the thundery clouds rolling overhead to help them pull up from fifth and challenge the American lead.

Among the yachts they had to overcome last night on the return leg back to Nieuport was Okyalos, from Greece, Abap 4, from Germany, and the French Admiral's Cupper, Corum. They were all within a minute-and-a-half of Smith's time around the halfway mark.

RESULTS: Fourth race: 1, Brava (F de Angelis, It); 2, Port Pendennis (L Smith, GB); 3, Zurich (J Horst, Den); 4, Okyalos (G Ertsos, Gr); 5, Saudade (A Bull, Ger). Fifth race: 1, Saudade; 2, Okyalos; 3, Brava; 4, Abap 4 (H Plattner, Ger); 5, Port Pendennis. Leading positions (after five races): 1, Brava, 106.5pts; 2, Vibes, 104.25; 3, Port Pendennis, 100.5; 4, Saudade, 92.25; 5, Okyalos, 89.

☐ The previously unranked Luca Santella, sailing with Flavio Grassi, was declared the winner of the European Flying Dutchman championship in Abersoch, Wales after contrary breezes made setting a course for the seventh race impossible.

The frustrating conditions made it one of the most difficult championships in the memory of the class. Santella's victory was remarkable for his having sailed a consistent series, only once dropping out of the top 20.

SWIMMING

Confidant Campbell cruises in

THERE is nothing quite like taking four national titles to boost a swimmer's spirits at a first long-course outing of the summer, even if you are Madeleine Campbell and the victories are somewhat easy to come by (Craig Lord writes).

Completing her fourth win, in her best event, the 100 metre butterfly, at the Welsh championships in Cardiff last night, the Portsmouth Northsea swimmer said her confidence for the trials and European championships at Athens now rides on a higher plane.

After being a metre down to Maxine Lock, of City of Cardiff, halfway through the 100m, Campbell reversed the deficit with apparent ease to come home in 1min 3.14sec, to Lock's 1:04.28.

Grant Robins, her team-mate, also looked impressive, keeping Chris Jones, of City of Cardiff, one of the few Welsh competitors to win titles this weekend in the face of English dominance, at bay in the 200m individual medley.

RESULTS FROM HENLEY

Ladies Plate

Holders: Harvard University (US).

First round

Leander and Molesey bt Cornell Univ (US); ¾ length, 6min 33sec; Univ of London and Oxford Univ bt Univ of Pennsylvania (US), 1l, 6.38; Univ of Washington (US) bt Isis, canvas, 6.42.

Second round

Univ of London and Oxford Univ bt Univ of Washington (US) 1¼l, 6:40; Leander and Molesey bt Notts County RA and Lea, 2½l, 6:38.

Final

Leander and Molesey bt Univ of London and Oxford Univ, 1l, 6:26.

Queen Mother Cup

Holders: Danmarks Rocenter, Denmark

Second round

Tideway Scullers Sch D bt Royal Belfast Acad and Lagan Scullers, 3¾l, 7.21; Upper Thames A bt Wallingford, ½l, 7.17; Notts County RA and London bt Kingston 4¼l, 7.12; Leander and Tideway Scullers Sch bt Scottish Argonauts 3¾l, 7.16.

Third round

Leander and Tideway Scullers Sch bt Upper Thames A, easily, 7:08; Nottinghamshire County RA and London bt Tideway Scullers Sch D, 1¾l, 7:05.

Final

Leander and Tideway Scullers Sch bt Nottinghamshire County RA and London, easily, 7:05.

Double Sculls

Holders: A Rudkin and A Kittermaster, Tideway Scullers School and Barclays Bank

Third round

C Luke and C Skuse (Leander) bt D Martinelli (Univ of London) and A Butt (London), 1l, 8.00; B Eltang (Danske Studenters, Denmark) and H Bang (Fana, Norway) bt V Hussey and L Collins (Commercial, Ireland), easily, 7:43.

Final

B Eltang (Danske Studenters, Denmark) and H Bang (Fana, Norway) bt R Luke and C Skuse (Leander), easily, 7:32.

Thames Cup

Holders: Nottinghamshire County RA

Fourth round

Univ of Pennsylvania A (US) bt Neptune, Ireland, ½l, 6.43; London bt Bedford A 1l, 6.50; Univ of London bt Cherwell, ½l, 6.54; Rob Roy bt Yale Univ (US) 1¾l, 6.56

Fifth round

Univ of London bt London, 2¾l, 6.53, Univ of Pennsylvania A (US) bt Rob Roy 1½l, 6.51.

Final

Univ of Pennsylvania A (US) bt Univ of London, 1l, 6.42.

Wyfold Cup

Holders: London

Fourth round

Nautilus bt Thames Tradesmen A, easily, 7.34, Notts County RA bt Christiania, Norway, 2½l, 7.24.

Final

Nautilus bt Nottinghamshire County RA, 2¾l, 7.21.

Princess Elizabeth Cup

Holders: Eton College

Fourth round

King's Sch, Canterbury bt Hampton Sch A ⅔l, 7.14; Eton bt St Joseph's Prep Sch (US), 2½l, 7:04; King's Sch, Canterbury bt Hampton School A, ⅘l, 7:14.

Final

Eton bt King's Sch, Canterbury, 4½l, 6:59.

Britannia Cup

Holders: University Coll, Galway

Fourth round

Notts County RA bt Univ of London, 1¼l, 7.38; Nottingham and Union bt Lea A, ¾l, 7.25.

Final

Nottinghamshire County RA bt Nottingham and Union, 5l, 7:18.

Visitors Cup

Holders: University of London

Third round

Goldie A bt Winchester Coll, 4l, 7.32; Univ of London bt Durham Univ, 1¾l, 7:22.

Final

Goldie A bt Univ of London, 1¾l, 7:20.

Silver Goblets

Holders: K Sinzinger and H Bauer, Austria

Third round

S Redgrave and M Pinsent (Leander) bt J Namontas and S Kucinskas (D Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR), easily, 8:01; J Robert and M Bermudez (Natacio Banyoles, Sp) bt P Murray and M Murray (Cappoquin, Ireland), 3½l, 8:10.

Final

S Redgrave and M Pinsent (Leander) bt J Robert and M Bermudez (Natacio Banyoles, Spain), easily, 7:38.

Grand Challenge Cup

Holders: Ruderclub Hansa Dortmund, Germany

First round

Dinamo, Moscow and Soviet Army (USSR) bt Victoria City and Don (Canada), ¾l, 6:28.

Final

Leander and Star bt Dinamo and Soviet Army (USSR), 2½l, 6:22.

Diamond Sculls

Holders: E Verdonk, New Zealand

Third round

W van Belleghem (Gent, Belgium) bt C D Holmes (Star and Arrow), 4½l, 8:39: E Verdonk (NZ) bt P Haining, 2l, 8.39.

Final

W van Belleghem (Ghent, Belgium) bt E Verdonk (Koru, New Zealand), not rowed out, 8:14.

Prince Philip Cup

Holders: Ruderclub Hansa Dortmund, Germany

First round

Leander and Star bt Blood Street Sculls (US), ¾l, 6:41.

Final

Leander and Star bt Dinamo Vilnius, Lithuania (USSR), 2¾l, 7:20.

Henley Prize

Holders: Imperial College, London

Fourth round

Imperial Coll, London bt Downing Coll and Corpus Christi Coll, Cambridgem, 1¼l, 7:07; Univ of Bristol bt Nihon Univ (Japan), 1¾l, 6:48.

Final

Univ of Bristol bt Imperial Coll, London, 3ft, 6:45.

Stewards Cup

Holders: Star Club and Leander

Final

Leander and Molesey bt Leander, 2l, 6:55.

IN BRIEF

Rono for Sheffield

PETER Rono, of Kenya, will run at the World Student Games which begin in Sheffield next weekend.

Rono, aged 23, won the 1,500 metres at the Seoul Olympics.

BOXING: Johnny Nelson must defend his European cruiserweight title against Luigi Gaudiano, of Italy, after the withdrawal of Taoufik Belbouli.

☐ Roy Skeldon will meet Crawford Ashley for the vacant British light-heavyweight title at Dudley Town Hall on July 25.

☐ The World Boxing Council has ordered a rematch of the drawn world super-featherweight title bout between Azumah Nelson, of Ghana, and Jeff Fenech, of Australia.

BASKETBALL: England won the gold medal in the Commonwealth women's championships for the first time with a 73-69 win over New Zealand in Edinburgh on Saturday.

HANG GLIDING: Judy Leden, of Britain, defending her women's world title, trailed Annelise Muller, of Switzerland, by 107 points after finishing second to Muller in the third round in Kossen, Austria, yesterday.

WEIGHTLIFTING: Sunay Bulut and Ali Eroglu, of Turkey, have failed drug tests after winning gold medals at the Mediterranean Games.

NETBALL: Australia exploited defensive weaknesses to beat England 65-38 in the world championships in Sydney yesterday.

SHOOTING: John Davis won all three gold medals in the British 300 metres full-bore rifle championships at Bisley yesterday.

POLO

Rowleys find Cowdray Park are too strong

By John Watson

COWDRAY Park beat Rowleys 12-5 in their league two match in the British Open at Midhurst, Sussex, but Richard Guess's Rowleys, now displaying more team solidarity and cohesion than they did earlier in the tournament, did well to hold the more formidable Cowdray Park to 4-4 at treading-in time.

In the fourth chukka, however, when Cowdray went clear ahead with a couple of penalty conversions, Rowley's confidence seemed to wane. With Paul Withers inspiring most of the attacks, Cowdray then retained control until the end.

In league four, the Maple Leafs-Giscours encounter was a more closely fought affair. Maple Leafs won a close tussle 7-6, although Giscours just trailed throughout.

The match lasted two hours, largely because of the delay in finding a replacement for Robert Gutridge, of the Maple Leafs, who retired injured in the second chukka. Eventually, Chris Bethell stood in with great verve.

Maple Leafs pushed 6-3 ahead in the fifth chukka, but Giscours — led by Reuben Gracida (Lionel Macaire's replacement) and Hector Galindo — made a gallant recovery. In the last few seconds of this furious duel, they were unlucky not to snap in an equaliser.

In other matches, Ellerston White beat Windsor Park 14-9 and Tramontana beat Guardacre 12-9.

COWDRAY PARK: 1 Hon C Pearson (2) 2 T Ezcurra (6), 3 A Kent (7), Back P Withers (7)

ROWLEYS: 1 B Tarl (3), 2 M Aguerre (7), 3 O Sosa (9), Back R Guess (2)

MAPLE LEAFS: 1 R Gutridge/C Bethell (4), 2 J Celis (6), 3 M Gracida (10) Back G Weston (2)

GISCOURS: 1 D Jamison (3), 2 H Galindo (8), 3 R Gracida (8) Back G Tarr (3)

ELLERSTON WHITE: 1 A Archibald (2), 2 A Pieres (10), 3 G Pieres (10) Back K Packer (1).

WINDSOR PARK: 1 G Kent (3), 2 R Matthews (5), 3 F Merlos (10), Back The Prince of Wales (4).

TRAMONTANA: 1 A Embiricos (2), 2 A Cambiaso (7), 3 C Gracida (10), Back A Buchanan (3)

GUARDACRE: 1 A Kirby (2), 2 G Donoso (9), 3 J Alberdi (7), Back R Mansur (4).

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German emerges from shadow of his compatriot

Becker bows to brilliant Stich

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Stich came to the centre court and played like Boris Becker. There can be no higher praise than that for the new Wimbledon champion, who followed up his semi-final victory over Stefan Edberg with an even more emphatic display against his countryman yesterday, winning 6-4, 7-6, 6-4 in two hours 31 minutes.

"I got the feeling out there that I could touch any ball and it would go into the court," Stich said.

To beat either one would have been beyond even Stich's confident expectation; to beat the two best grass-court players in the world, the top two seeds and the holders of five Wimbledon titles between them for the loss of just one set in three days, beggared belief. Becker had never been beaten in straight sets at Wimbledon, and had only lost twice on the court he calls home, both times to Edberg.

Yet at no point, from the first to the last, did Stich allow the occasion or the familiar face on the other side of the net to put him out of his giant stride. He broke in the first game, clocked up aces with the regularity of a taxi meter, and drove the three-times champion so close to dementia with the solidity of his serving and the fluency of his backhand service returns that, during one of his more prolonged soliloquies, Becker was given a time violation.

It was like interrupting King Lear in full flow, but neither winds nor the storms which were forecast materialised to help him. The only distraction was a protester, claiming to be the American president and brandishing a picture of his daughter, who used the scoreboard as a soap box at the start of the second set and was quickly arrested.

"I had the feeling he [Becker] took it a little easy at the start and from the moment I broke him in the first game, I felt I could win. It was difficult for him because he was expected to win," Stich said.

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Becker stayed becalmed and, long before Stich's final forehand evaded his despairing lunge, had accepted that this was going to be another good day for Germany, but not a good day for its champion.

"I felt I was not in the match from the first point," Becker admitted. "My mind was far away, I had no energy, I was never in the lead and I knew when he made the first break point in the first set and I didn't that it was going to be tough." But not perhaps quite how tough.

Though the pair have played only once before, when Stich won just three games in two sets, Becker must know his Davis Cup colleague as well as anyone. But he could not have anticipated the maturity of Stich's response to a centre court crowd for once in this wettest of all Wimbledons drenched in sunshine, not rain. Stich's only other title as he stepped onto the court for the Wimbledon final was a minor ATP tour event in Memphis last year.

He is still contracted to play league tennis for a club called Iphitos in Munich, which says something for his expectations as he approached his third full season on the tour, ranked a mediocre 42.

"It is always a dream to win Wimbledon but I never thought I could do it at the start of the year," he said. Clearly he learns as fast as he serves. He has won more matches on the tour than any other player and has now emulated Becker's feat in 1989 of reaching the semi-final of the French Open and winning Wimbledon in the same year. Though anxious to distance himself from Becker's shadow, he would be happy to equal a few more of his records.

"I got a lot from just watching Boris play," Stich said. "He is not a player I really tried to copy, but when he won Wimbledon at the age of 17, I was watching on television and took notice. I was very impressed with what he did and the way he and the other top players behaved."

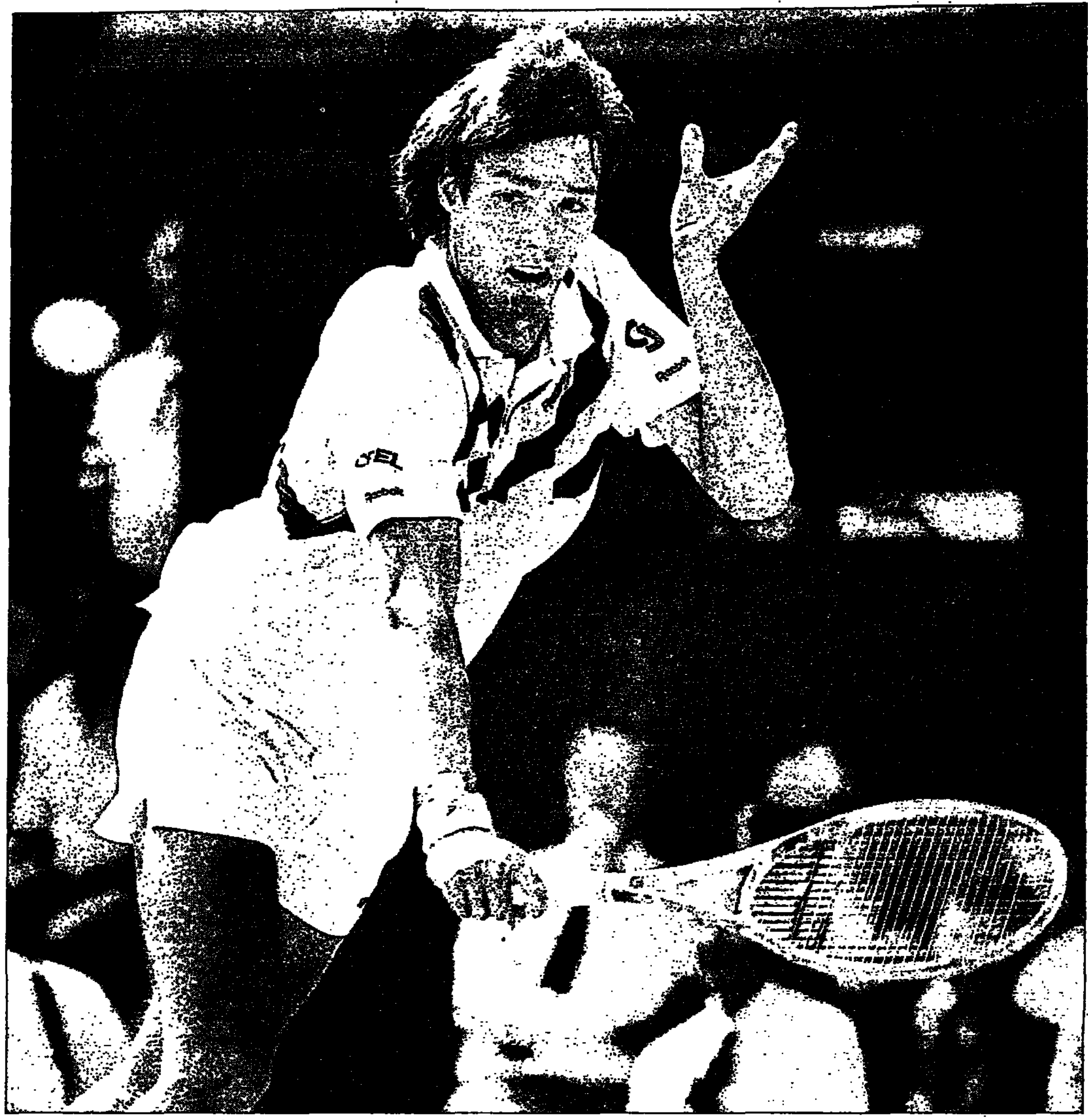
With Stich's best service for the tournament timed at 125mph, Becker's at 123mph and a total of over 160 aces between them, power was always going to be the dominant factor in the match. Stich was quickly into his rhythm — Becker, arguably, never found his — and broke with a backhand service return. Becker broke back to 3-3 with four outright winners, but immediately lost his service for the second time and, shortly after, the first set.

Becker broke again for a 3-1 lead in the second set, but uncharacteristically lost his service in the next game, a sure sign that all was not well in the favourite's camp. His leg in strapping, his temper fraying, Becker headed for the apparent security of the tie-break. Another backhand return, which hit the backstop just as Becker reached the service line, and Stich's eleventh ace, left Becker facing a two-set deficit in a Wimbledon final for the second year in succession.

Unlike Edberg, however, Stich did not falter. The only doubt as he missed eight points to break in three of Becker's service games was that he would wear himself out. Instead, he kept pressing and, with a forehand down the line in the tenth game, cut the final thread of Becker's tattered defences.

All the world No. 1 had left to offer was a word of warning to the new champion. "He will not realise how much his life will change," Becker said. "Not everything that shines is gold." In the sunlight of the centre court, the men's singles trophy looked pure gold.

MARC ASPLAND



A champion's style: Stich on his way to victory over Becker and the men's singles title on the centre court at Wimbledon yesterday

MATCH FACTS

	Stich	Becker
Pts served	100	114
Aces	15	10
Service won	51	40
Double faults	3	4
Returns	110	97
Returns won	26	20
1st returns in	55%	33%
1st returns won	33%	24%
2nd returns in	77%	61%
2nd returns won	41%	37%
TOTALS		
Pts won	111	103
Game pts won	75%	71%
Break pts won	25%	67%
Deuce pts won	100%	82%
Serving pts	67	70
Receiving pts	44	33

☐ *Statistics supplied by IBM*

New model does the trick

DAVID MILLER

MICHAEL Stich, the newest German serve-and-volleyer, played like a champion. Boris Becker did not, even though widely forecast to add a fourth Wimbledon title to his collection; this was very much sub-Becker.

That assessment should not diminish the performance of Stich, who has appeared almost magically as champion before an unknowing British public, like the rabbit out of the conjuror's hat. Any preconceived suspicion that this would be a boring shoot-out was banished by the splendid variety in Stich's game; familiar to those close to him but yet to become a unit of international tennis measurements. It soon will.

Here was one of those occasions when it was hard to tell how far the victor's dominance conditioned a seeming frailty within the vanquished. So distressed was Becker's form that his temperament, normally so predictable, so unshakable, declined in parallel. "I'm not enjoying this," he bellowed in German at one stage, as though in some Monty Python sketch.

Yet here was no sketch. Here was the destruction of a player who has been a great champion, who had lost only twice at Wimbledon (to Edberg), who had only been beaten ten times in 83 on grass. Stich reduced this grass-court machine to a coughing, spluttering out-of-date model.

While Stich — who, like Becker, gave up football for tennis, though at a later point in his youth — was not as irresistible as the Becker who hurtled, meteor-like, past Curren and Lendl in the finals of 1985 and 1986, he has become, in the space of four days, a figure to be regarded in awe, successively dismissing three grand slam champions.

Yet a thought nags: were we watching the latest instance of premature burn-out? Have the fires of mental ambition and physical assertion that made Becker the world's No. 1 already started to wane at 23?

There was, beneath the surface as well as in the gripping fluctuation of the points, a special sporting drama in the third set as fascinating as anything we have seen at Wimbledon in years. As the set, and with it the match, was slowly, slowly prised from Becker, his reluctance to release his grip was at time sadly inept, at times heroic.

But to go back, momentarily to the beginning. Spectators' fears of tedium instantly disappeared with a flurry of points against the server, Stich breaking Becker and saving a break point on his serve for 2-0. Becker broke back with the help of a glorious backhand pass for 3-3, only immediately to lose his service to love. It was already apparent that Stich's backhand was in destructive form and Becker's volleying worryingly shallow.

As the second set began to go the way of the first, Becker's nerves, extraordinarily, disintegrated. As he cursed, shouted and shook his fists at the heavens, the front row of Royal ladies smiled tolerantly like school parents watching someone misbehave on junior sports day. Becker was warned for time abuse; it was his reputation that was more threatened.

Midway through the second set tie-break, with Becker trailing 1-3 on Stich's stunning backhand pass on service return, an ambulance wailed its siren outside. Becker might not yet be a stretcher case, but the brain was limping as much as the body.

Now came, for him, the agony of the third set. Eight times in his first four service games he was break point down as this disrespectful compatriot, slim, lithe, equally tall and ferocious, drilled the balls back at him like grape-shot. All the qualities that once typified Becker were now vested in his opponent: unflinching steadiness, power, accuracy, simplicity.

There might be nowhere for Becker to hide, but stoically he refused to lie down. At 4-3 and 40-30 to Stich on Becker's serve, Becker for once hit a marvellous deep volley to the corner of the baseline to save the game. The executioner at the other end was unrelenting; and served to love for 5-4.

As they changed ends, you could sense that Becker's intolerance of his decline had forfeited the crowd's sympathy. In that harsh way of the sporting public, they were ready for symbolic death. At 0-30, having hit a pathetic volley, Becker still hung on: an ace, a diving backhand return in attempting to avert match point. But Stich closed in with a remorseless forehand return.

As the two young men embraced, you could sense the crowd's sudden forgiveness for the fallen champion's frenzy. He looked about 30. This modern game strips you bare. How long can Stich last in the goldfish bowl?

LTA looks to Bollettieri to revive British game

By ALIX RAMSAY

THE Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is negotiating to work with Nick Bollettieri, the Florida-based coach, to improve the standard of British tennis.

The LTA aims to start with exchange visits between players and coaches at the Bollettieri Tennis Academy and its own school at Bisham Abbey. Long-term plans include opening a Bollettieri academy in Britain.

The plans were welcomed by Major Sammy Brancker, the chairman of the Professional Tennis Coaches' Association. "Bollettieri has been very successful in America and I don't see why his system shouldn't work over here," he said. "He is flamboyant and maybe that is what is required. I always think new ideas should be given a chance."

No one doubts Bollettieri's abilities as a coach and his academy has produced players such as Monica Seles, Pete Sampras, Jim Courier and Andre Agassi. But there are doubts as to how well he could work with the LTA.

Dave Emery, who for the last seven years has run Star Search Tennis, independently of the LTA, does not believe it will be a match made in heaven.

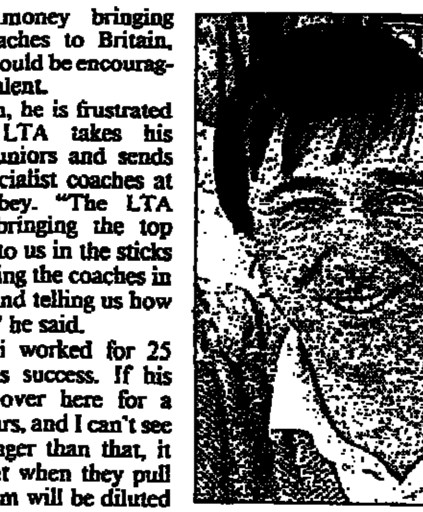
"One of the secrets of his success is he is highly individualistic, and the academy runs through the persona and charisma of Bollettieri," he said. "It's difficult to work with a corporation like the LTA."

It is a view shared by David Lloyd, the former Davis Cup player, who had talks with Bollettieri to try to tempt him to one of his five tennis clubs. "He's an instantaneous person. He wants to do something and he wants to do it now," Lloyd said. "He's an artist. You've got to give him some rope — he may hang himself with it — but I can't see the LTA allowing him to do that."

Emery also believes that the LTA should not be spending time and money bringing overseas coaches to Britain, but rather should be encouraging British talent.

As a coach, he is frustrated when the LTA takes his promising juniors and sends them to specialist coaches at Bisham Abbey. "The LTA should be bringing the top coaches out to us in the sticks and motivating the coaches in the regions and telling us how to improve," he said.

"Bollettieri worked for 25 years for his success. If his guys come over here for a couple of years, and I can't see it lasting longer than that, it will help, but when they pull out the system will be diluted and then dismantled."



Lloyd: admirer

Mansell secures historic victory

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

NIGEL Mansell yesterday established himself as the most successful English racing driver by winning the French Formula One grand prix for the seventeenth victory of his career.

Mansell, driving a Williams, ended Alain Prost's domination of the event for the last three years by claiming his own third victory. It was Mansell's first win since the 1990 Portuguese grand prix at Estoril, which he won in a Ferrari, and it lifts him one victory clear of Stirling Moss as England's most successful grand prix driver.

Mansell was delighted. He said: "You might not believe it after all these years, but I feel a sense of shock. It is something special to get to 17 grands prix wins as an Englishman.

"It is a great and a special day for me. I am obviously very happy — with my car, with the team and with the track. It is a fantastic feeling. This win is a milestone."

Mansell, who finished five seconds clear of Prost, moved up to second in the championship standings on 23 points. He will be hoping to improve his challenge in the British grand prix, at Silverstone next Sunday.

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England hopes clouded

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S search for safety in the third Cornhill Test match may rely as much on the weather as the ability of their three remaining specialist batsmen. They resume at Trent Bridge today still 43 runs behind West Indies and with their first three batsmen out.

The violent thunderstorm on Saturday morning left the ground under water but, remarkably, only reduced play by 30 minutes. Graham Gooch, dismissed in a turbulent final session, may be hoping that the heavy rain forecast for later today takes greater toll.

It may even come too late to save England, however, for Ambrose, with 18 wickets in the series, has it in him to put the game beyond argument before lunch.

The fourth-wicket pair of Lamb and Ramprakash survived for more than an hour on Saturday evening and for Lamb, in particular, today's events have a personal edge to them. Following four consecutive failures in the series, he stands unbeaten on 25, knowing he probably has to double that score to save his place and then double it again to have a chance of preserving England's 1-0 lead.

Lamb is under pressure on all fronts, with his captaincy of his county, Northamptonshire, being criticised, apparently even within his own side. But he has responded heroically to adversity before and England's hopes of salvation rest squarely on his ability to do so again.

Lamb on the rack, page 34

Hadlee ready to undergo heart surgery

SIR Richard Hadlee, the Test-match wicket record-holder, is to undergo heart surgery. The former Nottinghamshire and New Zealand all-rounder, who had his fortieth birthday last week, went into hospital in Auckland yesterday.

In February, Hadlee, who retired from the game after the New Zealand tour of England last summer, spent a night in a Dunedin hospital after collapsing while watching an international.

Barry Hadlee, Sir Richard's brother, said: "Richard has his good days and bad days. Sometimes he's very tired. He is just determined to get it fixed."

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